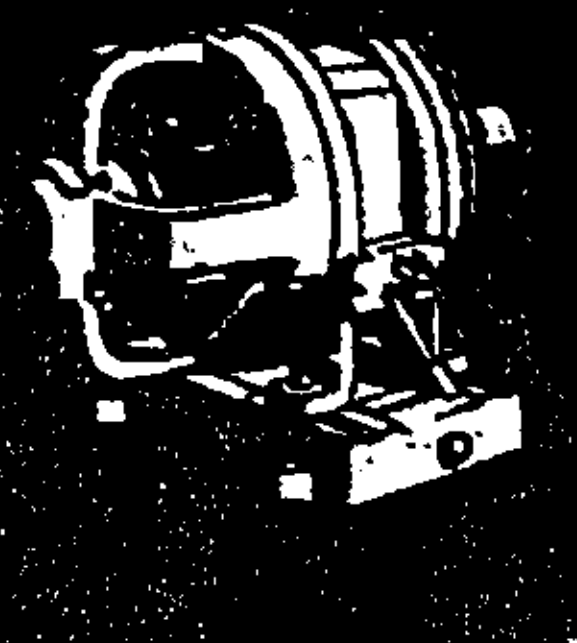


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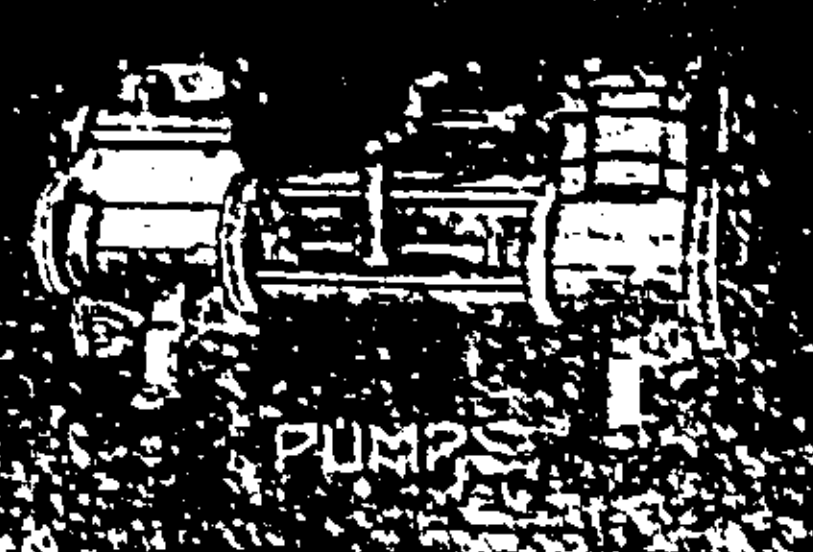


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IRISH AFFAIRS.

Legalising the Free State.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, February 16.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill moved the second reading of the Irish Free State Bill. He emphasised the urgency of legalising the powers of the Provisional Government, enabling it to hold an election at the earliest moment. The present position, with men wielding power without legal authority, was an anomaly unprecedented in the history of the Empire—(ironical Unionist cheers). It was most desirable that the Irish people at an election should definitely reject the idea of a Republic and secure an adequate Constituent Assembly representing future hope, not past hate, as the present Parliament did. Any delay in the passage of the Bill would mean further anarchy and bloodshed.

Mr. Churchill hoped that, despite the inhuman passions exemplified at Belfast, the heads of the two Irish Governments would meet shortly. The Irish Parliament would possibly frame a Constitution in May or June, after which the Imperial Parliament would pass confirmatory legislation. The next step was Ulster's consideration of the Constitution before exercising her option to enter the Free State. There was a difference regarding the date of exercise of option, but the Irish Ministers did not insist on their interpretation of the Treaty on that point. Nevertheless, it was unlikely that the Boundary Commission would begin work before August and a settlement of boundaries was unlikely before October. The recent discussion between Sir James Craig and Mr. Collins on the boundary question was obviously premature, but Mr. Churchill denied that agreement had broken down. There had been a bad setback, but the situation was being repaired and restored.

Captain Charles Craig moved an Ulster amendment declining to proceed with the Bill until the provision for establishing a Boundary Commission, which is a violation of the rights of Ulster, is eliminated or the decision of the Commission made subject to the approval of Northern Parliament. He declared that if the Commission made anything more than the minutest changes, bloodshed and chaos would be inevitable.

Mr. D. D. Reid seconded. The subsequent debate revealed no change in the attitude of parties towards the Treaty since its ratification.

The Attorney General, who avoided attempting to throw light on the interpretation to be placed on the wording of the Treaty regarding the Commission, said a gentleman of ripe judicial experience would be appointed Chairman.

The Clones Affair.

London, February 16.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill announced that 26 of those kidnapped had been released by the Provisional Government. Mr. Churchill read the Northern Government's report of the Clones affair, which conflicted with the Provisional Government's report. He had communicated with both Governments and both considered an impartial enquiry desirable. He had therefore notified them that the Imperial Government would place at their disposal a judicial officer agreeable to both to hold a public enquiry.

Withdrawal of Troops.

London, February 16.

The general withdrawal of British troops from South Ireland has not yet restarted, though the 17th Lancers have been brought to England from Dublin.

FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARDS RUSSIA.

No Separate Negotiations.

Paris, February 16.

The pro-Russian propaganda in France mentioned in a cable of the 13th inst. has received a severe rebuff from the Temps, which, commenting on Krassin's suggestions for negotiations with France independently of the Genoa conference, says that the diplomacy of Moscow is reminiscent of Abdul Hamid, and declares that Russia's recognition of her debts, guarantees for foreigners, and the carrying out of the principles of the Cannes resolution are fundamental necessities. France will not bargain with the Soviet behind the backs of her Allies.

Italy Adheres to Conference Date.

Rome, February 16.

Signor Bonomi, in a statement in Parliament referring to the Genoa conference, said that Italy must keep her engagement. She would be ready for the conference on the date fixed, which so far had not been altered.

Paris, February 16.

M. Poincare declared in the Chamber that there was no question of France recognising the Soviet. The French attitude has not changed.

BENEFITS OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Mr. Balfour Entertained by His Colleagues.

London, February 16.

Mr. Balfour was entertained at luncheon by the Government on his return from Washington. Mr. Lloyd George, who presided, paid a tribute to the prominent part Mr. Balfour had played at one of the most notable contributions of statesmanship to human peace and happiness. He read a message from President Harding in appreciation of Mr. Balfour's assistance. Mr. Balfour replied emphasising the incalculable debt of gratitude due to the United States Government for its action throughout the negotiations, which had not merely settled the land problems of the Far East, the naval problems of the Pacific, and the question of the naval disarmament of Europe, but had transformed international relations.

Ovation in the House.

Mr. Balfour, later entering the House of Commons, received an ovation, all the members rising and cheering.

THE GEDDES REPORT.

Technical Committee to Advise as to Combatant Services Retrenchment.

London, February 16.

In the House of Commons at question time, (2) asked whether the Minister of Defence recommended in the Geddes report would be appointed forthwith to examine the Washington decisions with a view to further economies in the Naval Estimates, Mr. Chamberlain said that the Government had not yet decided as to such an extensive change in the present year.

The possibility of combining certain elements in the three Services would be explored by a technical sub-committee of the Imperial Defence Committee. The views expressed in the Admiralty Memorandum on the Geddes report must not be disregarded, as a serious question of principle was involved. In any case it would be impossible to make the decision of the Government at present.

THE PACIFIC TREATY.

U.S. Senate Wants Full Information.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, February 16.

The Senate has passed a resolution asking President Harding for full information regarding the negotiation of the Pacific Treaty.

Later.

Senators Lodge and Underwood, both members of the American delegation, assured the Senate that there was nothing to conceal. Senator Underwood explained that a great part of the negotiations concerning abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese alliance would not be found in the minutes, because the subject was mostly discussed by way of informal conversation.

Replying to Senator Hitchcock's remark that the Senate representatives seemed to have been on the outside while the four-Power pact was worked out, Senator Lodge said that the conversations were between the heads of the delegations, as this was the simplest way of dealing with so delicate a situation, but the treaty was fully discussed by the American delegates long before it was submitted to the other delegations.

SENATE FURTHER CONSIDERS BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE BILL.

Shareholders' Concerted Action.

Paris, February 17.

The Senate Finance Committee has considered M. Jeanneret's report upon the Banque Industrielle Bill, which recommends the adoption of the entirety of the text proposed by the Government and voted by the Chamber.

It is stated in Parliamentary circles that associations of shareholders of the Banque are being formed to take concerted action in refusing to pay the last two quarters' instalments due on their shares. It is suggested that they will be so supported by the Peking Syndicate, which holds 17,000 shares, and by the National Italian Bank, which holds 3,700. It is expected that both these banks will appeal to the laws of their respective countries in support of the refusal to meet any further call.

OLD STOCKBROKING FIRM FAILS.

Liabilities of Nearly Two Millions.

London, February 16.

A firm of stockbrokers, Ellis and Company, which has been in existence one and a half centuries, has filed a petition for bankruptcy. The liabilities are rumoured to amount to nearly £2 millions. Mr. Moran, director of the City Equitable Insurance Co., which has become insolvent, was till recently senior partner in the firm. The Stock Exchange Committee announces that the six partners have ceased membership of the Exchange.

PROPOSED BONUS FOR U.S. TROOPS.

Lost Evokes Agitation.

Washington, February 16.

Intense agitation has been evoked throughout the country by the proposal to give a bonus to soldiers who participated in the war, which is estimated to cost five milliard dollars.

President Harding informed Congress that he considered a general sales tax the only feasible means of raising funds for this purpose, otherwise he opined that it would be wise to postpone the bonus until conditions justify the outlay.

INCREASED CUSTOMS DUTY IN FRENCH POSSESSIONS.

Lancashire's Protest Unavailing.

London, February 16.

In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. Harmsworth said he was aware of the injury caused to the Lancashire trade by the increased import duties on cotton goods in French possessions in Africa, Indo-China, and Madagascar. Representations had already been made to the French Government concerning this, but the latter did not see their way to reduced the tariff.

FUTURE CONCESSIONS IN CHINA.

Functions of the Board of Reference.

London, February 16.

In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. Harmsworth said that the constitution and functions of the board of reference to study future concessions in China would be determined by a special conference of representatives of China and the other interested Powers to be appointed under the Washington convention.

RAILWAY AMALGAMATION PROJECTED.

Capital of over £500,000,000.

London, February 16.

At the annual meeting of the Midland Railway Company the Chairman confirmed that negotiations are proceeding for amalgamation with the London and North-Western Railway and five other companies, the aggregate capital being £527,000,000.

BRITISH POLICY IN EGYPT.

Course Agreed Upon.

London, February 16.

Conversations between Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Curzon, and Lord Allenby have led to complete agreement regarding the policy to be pursued towards Egypt and the letter to be presented to the Egyptian Government.

RUMOUR OF REVOLUTION IN MEXICO.

U. S. Troops to Guard Frontier.

New York, February 16.

Five thousand American troops have been mobilised at Fort Bliss, Texas, owing to a report that a Mexican revolution is impending and that the town of Juarez is about to be attacked.

REDUCTION OF U.S. FORCES ON THE RHINE.

Washington, February 16.

The War Department announces the immediate reduction of the American forces on the Rhine by 200 officers and 3,000 men, leaving 169 officers and 2,217 men.

FURTHER REDUCTION IN BANK RATE.

London, February 16.

The Bank of England discount rate is 4½ per cent.

THE STRIKE.

RETURN OF DELEGATES.

Union President Arrives in Canton.

After a day of anxious waiting for news we learned just before going to press that the delegates of the Seamen's Union returned to Hongkong by the train arriving here just before dawn. Whether they have brought a favourable reply to the Government's and employers' latest offer is not known at the time of writing, but a meeting is due to take place at the Tung Wah Hospital later this afternoon at which the men's decision will probably be made known.

Throughout the whole of the morning there was a somewhat pessimistic air among those most directly in touch with things. News and rumours had come through from Canton which were not very reassuring. A big procession took place in Canton yesterday to celebrate the Hongkong Government's decision to reinstate the Union, and a meeting of the strike leaders there was not held until seven o'clock in the evening. It was the absence of news regarding the result of that meeting which led to the disappointment.

The Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital, which had arranged to have special telegrams sent them from Canton as soon as some decision had been reached, were anxiously awaiting news all the morning. The general opinion of those with whom our representative spoke was that as the President of the Union had been arrested, as told below, there was bound to be delay in hearing of what had been done.

More Boats Leave.

The position here in Hongkong remains very much where it did yesterday. Several more boats have left, these being the Tanco Maru for Nagasaki, the Tonglee for Keelung, the Kitano Maru for Singapore, the Wing-sang for Swatow, the Chofu Maru for Takao, the Tipanas for Saigon and the Tjiuwong for Macassar. The two last named were manned by the special crews which arrived yesterday by the Tjisondari, and it is expected that the whole of the J.C.I.L. boats in port will be able to get away before the week-end. A very interesting departure yesterday was the s.s. Providence, a Norwegian vessel, for Canton, this being the first boat to go to Canton for some weeks past.

The number of boats in port this morning was 157, the tonnage of which was 255,244 tons.

Coolies Available.

We were informed to-day that the number of coolies available for cargo working exceeds the demand in spite of the fact that their daily rate of pay has been lowered. The local godowns are full to overflowing and, as there are very few goods being handled on transit, the only thing to do is to allow cargoes to remain on board the ships, a position which is the most cramped position in the fact that the cargo on board the s.s. Nanking is being transferred to the s.s. Nile in mid-stream, the latter boat being made a temporary godown. The Nanking is an oil burning ship and it is planned to get her away as soon as possible, as her engine room staff can run the boat, whereas it would not be possible to run her if she were a coal burning vessel without a full complement of firemen.

near the grave when he heard piteous cries and later discovered a young woman lying in a pool of blood. She asked help, saying that she had been pushed by her husband, Fung-san, President of the Seamen's Union, who had taken her in a motor car in the direction of the White Cloud Hill for a pleasure trip. The woman was subsequently removed to the Police Station and later to hospital, where, it is said, she made the same declaration in the presence of a police official before succumbing to her wounds, which were seven in number.

Canton Food Situation.

The food situation in Canton is undoubtedly serious. At a meeting held at the Tung Wah Hospital last night, representatives of the Canton Chamber of Commerce explained the position to local merchants, in the hope that when boats begin to move again first consideration will be given to things which are most urgently needed. In conversation with one of those present at last night's meeting a Telegraph representative was informed this morning that if Canton does not get outside supplies within a fortnight, very serious conditions indeed will be created. Not only is there a shortage of materials for the many factories, but rice and flour supplies are running out and have already reached high prices.

Canton Police Release Fish.

Our Canton correspondent records another instance of interference with fish supplies intended for Hongkong. He states that on the 13th inst. three junk boats, loaded with fresh water fish, were detained by officers of the Seamen's Union, who began to throw the fish overboard on the ground that they were intended for Hongkong. When they had got half way through the task, a Water Police boat came up and released the junk.

More Ningpo Men.

A telegram from our Shanghai correspondent states that more Ningpo seamen have been sent to Hongkong. The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company is sending down 125 on the s.s. Kwongsang.

GUILD PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

Charged with Murdering his Wife.

The Hongkong and Canton vernacular papers report at considerable length a story to the effect that Chan Ping-sang, the President of the Seamen's Union, has been arrested on a charge of murdering his wife. The deed is said to have been committed on the 14th inst. near the Kam Kin Fan ("Grave of Beauty"), situate on the eastern outskirts of Canton. It is stated that a man was passing the Tungsha Road

Parties of detectives were immediately sent out by the police authorities and on the evening of the next day they found Chan living at the Yuet Wah Hotel. An officer and thirty constables were despatched to effect his arrest. On their arrival, it is alleged, Chan pulled out a revolver and resisted arrest, and it was only after he had wounded two constables, one of whom is in a serious condition, that he was overcome. A boy and a woman who were in the same room with him were also detained. Whilst the police were arresting Chan, a large body of seamen collected in front of the hotel, and it was only after the officer in charge of the party had explained the nature of the charge against their leader that the police were permitted to proceed without any disturbance. Canton papers to-day state that Chan has confessed to the crime.

The Strikers and the Prince.

Canton vernacular papers report that the seamen, who say that if the strike is not settled by the time the Prince of Wales arrives in Hongkong they will petition him for a redress of their grievances and blame the Hongkong Government for not giving consideration to the hardships of the workers.

YAUMATI ROBBERY.

Chinese Constable in Trouble.

A sequel to the armed robbery that took place on Monday last at a pawnshop at No. 250 Shanghai Street, Yaumati, was the arrest of two Chinese, who were produced before the Magistrate this morning and charged with being concerned with others in the commission of this crime, resulting in a loss of \$19,382 to the broker. A portion of the jewellery represented by this sum is understood to have been recovered from the prisoners when they were arrested, yesterday whilst hiding in one of the coolie hordes at Ting Loy Street, on this side of the harbour.

Additional interest was given to the case when it was disclosed by the prosecution that the third man in the dock was a Chinese, whose official designation is C174 and who is being charged with aiding and abetting the members of the gang in that he instigated the robbery. As in the case of the two other prisoners, Cheung Yee was remanded.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

Powell's advertise smart hats for the Races.—Page 7.

Volunteer Orders appear on Page 4.

Lane Crawford appeal for a trial of their new season Tunis Dates.—Page 3.

Dodwell & Co. advise consignees of cargo per Lloyd Triestino Steamer Tracia that Hongkong cargo will be landed at Shanghai.—Page 5.

Hongkong Technical Institute will re-open on Monday.—Page 4.

An expert stenographer is wanted for Canton.—Page 7.

The Annual Dinner of the Y.M.C.A. will be held on March 2.—Page 2.

The U.B.C.O. Young Men's Association will be played for on Sunday next.—Page 4.

The Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Road Club will be held on Monday.—Page 7.

BELFAST'S DEATH-ROLL.

London, February 16.

More shooting took place at Belfast to-day. The death-roll now numbers 36, while 89 are in hospital.

The North Irish Government has decided to enforce the Firearms Act imposing a penalty of two years' imprisonment for unlawful possession of arms.

Return of the Kidnapped.

Twenty-three returned kidnapped residents were given a great reception at Aghnacloy. They left 17 Northerners in Trim gaol.

ITALY OFFERS CREDIT TO AUSTRIA.

Vienna, February 16.

Italy has notified her readiness to furnish Austria with a credit of £1,000,000.

DUTCH LOAN.

The Hague, February 16.

The first Chamber has approved the issue of a loan of three hundred million guilders.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE LATE SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON.

Monte Video, Feb. 16.

The British barque Woodville, with the late Sir Ernest Shackleton's remains, has sailed for South Georgia for the burial. Numerous wreaths included one from King George. The coffin was borne on a gun carriage through the streets and escorted by troops to the sound of funeral music. Soldiers lined the route. After a service at the church the ship put to sea and will sail for the above destination.

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WRIGHT OF YEARS AT FUNERAL.

Mr. Dickenson, of Elton-parade,
Darlington, who is 92, attended a
local funeral, when the united
ages of the six persons in one cab
was 455.EARLIER SPECIAL
TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MINT ACCOUNTANTS
DOWNFALL.Shanghai, Feb. 16.
Loh Kwe-ming, accountant of
the Shanghai Mint, has been
convicted of forging eighty-seven
thousand dollars by means of Mint
checks cashed at local banks. The
Mixed Court sentenced him to five
years' imprisonment. He con-
fessed in court and said he lost the
money by gambling on the stock
exchanges. He falsified the ac-
counts and, decided that he was
ruined anyway, determined to make
a big haul and flee to Japan.

CHITA ARMY'S SUCCESS.

Shanghai, Feb. 16.
A special dispatch to the native
press from Peking officially reports
the capture of Habarovsk by the
Chita Army at 3 p.m. on the 14th
inst.

SHANGHAI Y.M.C.A.

Shanghai, Feb. 16.
Total subscriptions of \$14,405
were received during the first week
of the annual drive of the Shanghai
Y.M.C.A.TRANS-PACIFIC
SERVICE.

China Mail Co's Enterprise.

On account of the need for a
more frequent Trans-Pacific service
and the growing necessity of a
larger vessel in the Company's
Java service, the s.s. Nile will
again take her place with s.s. Nan-
nuz and s.s. China on the Hong-
kong-San Francisco run and the
Java service inaugurated by her
will be maintained with the s.s.
Coristan, recently chartered for
the purpose.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. S. A. Serebriannikoff.

In announcing the death of Mrs.
S. A. Serebriannikoff, which oc-
curred unexpectedly at the
Watanabe Hospital, Shanghai, on
the 6th, less than a fortnight after
the death of her husband, the
N. C. D. News says:The late Mrs. Serebriannikoff,
whose maiden name was Miss
Queenie Strachan, first visited
Shanghai in 1903 as leading lady
of the Dallas Opera Company and
immediately became popular with
Shanghai audiences owing to her
excellent portrayals of the leading
parts in "The Orchid," "Three Lit-
tle Maids," "The Girl from Kay's,"
and particularly as Marjorie in
"The Country Girl." She was mar-
ried to Mr. Serebriannikoff in the
following year and retired from
the stage, but some 10 years later
again appeared in public to assist
in the raising of War Funds. Her
first appearance for this purpose,
with the amateurs of Shanghai,
was at a concert at the Lyceum
Theatre in 1915 in aid of the
Prince of Wales Fund, and a few
months later she proved a most
popular success as Morgiana in the
pantomime of "Ali Baba and the
Forty Thieves," which was the
means of raising \$27,000 for the
benefit of wounded Australian
Soldiers. Later in the same year
she took the title role in the A.D.C.
production of "The Pursuit of
Pamela" and her final appearance
was in the local revue, "Hello,
Shanghai!" also in aid of War
Funds.Mrs. Serebriannikoff left Shang-
hai for England, accompanied by
her daughter Marjorie, in May of
last year, intending to remain
there a year while her daughter
finished her education at a private
school in Surrey. After her ar-
rival at Home, however, she re-
ceived a telegram to the effect that
her husband was seriously ill and
she returned to Shanghai in Oc-
tober last. For a period of three
months she nursed her husband
day and night and until the time
of his death, on January 24 last.
She spared herself no pain or
worry in this affectionate duty
with the result probably that her
own health was seriously affect-
ed. Three days after her husband's
death she was taken ill with
bronchitis and she removed to the
hospital, where her death occurred.
She leaves to mourn her loss her
mother, Mrs. Strachan, her sister,
Mrs. A. J. Morrison, and a brother,
Mr. C. J. Strachan, all of whom
are in Shanghai; her daughter,
Marjorie, who is still at school in
England.

LATE SIR HENRY MAY.

Memorial Service at the
Cathedral.An impressive memorial service
for the late Sir Henry May was
held yesterday at St. John's
Cathedral. H. E. the Governor
and Lady Stubbs, the General
Officer Commanding (Sir James
Fowler), Commodore W. Bowden-
Smith, the Bishop of Victoria and
several members of the Legislative
Council attended the service which
was conducted by the Rev. H. E.
Copley Moyle assisted by the Rev.
J. T. Holman who read the col-
lects. The musical part of the
service included Ps. 90 "Lord,
Thou hast been our Refuge,"
Hymns 499, "On the Resurrection
morn'g" and 401 "Now the
Labourer's Task is O'er." An
address on the late Governor was
given by the Chaplain and the ser-
vice concluded with the benedic-
tion pronounced by the Bishop.

The Address.

In his address, Rev. Mr. Moyle
referred to the fact that Sir Henry
May was a man of many interests
including a passion for sport.
He had constantly spoken in
favour of athletic training for the
young. He was a very determined
man and when he had made up
his mind that a certain course
of action was desirable nothing
could move him. He was a brave
man. Many of them would re-
member the attempt to assassinate
him when he landed here—an
attempt which very nearly proved
successful—and the coolness with
which he conducted himself after-
wards. But he had moral courage
as well as physical courage
and was quite undeterred from
speaking his mind for fear of
unpopularity. As an instance of
this, Mr. Moyle referred to the
occasion of the opening of the
Tai Tam Tuk reservoir when he
was most outspoken on the sub-
ject of alcohol and used words
which were very unpopular at the
time. He had always been very
much concerned about the welfare
of the Colony and he (the speaker)
well-remembered the energy with
which the late Governor had
thrown himself into the scheme for
raising money to provide a club
in the Colony for those who were
unable to join the Hongkong Club.
The necessity for yielding to the
popular clamour against utilising
money for this purpose during the
war had been one of his bitterest
disappointments. It was sig-
nificant that while Sir Henry May
was considered by many to be a
hard man, by those who knew him
intimately and in the innermost
circle of his family he was much
beloved.Other persons present included:
Hon. Dr. Claud Severn and
Severn, Sir William Rees Davies,
Mr. H. H. Gompertz, Hon. Mr. T.
L. Perkins, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pol-
lock, Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer,
Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Hon.
Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Sir Robert
Ho-tung, Mr. Ho Fook, Hon.
Mr. E. A. Irving, Hon. Mr.
E. R. Hallifax, Mr. Dyer Ball,
Captain E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. N.
Teeddale Mackintosh, Prof. Middle-
ton Smith, Mr. G. N. Orme, Mr.
Geo. Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. P. L.
Knight, Mr. H. R. Phelps, Mr.
G. C. Moxon, and the Revs. G. E.
S. Updell, A. D. Stewart, W. T.
Featherstone, C. W. Shann, and
J. R. Lee.

THE SHRINERS.

Party Returns to
Hongkong.A large party of Shriners have
returned to Hongkong from Manila
and yesterday they "did" the
Castle Peak trip by motor car.Quite a correspondence has
appeared in Shanghai lately about
the Shriners and the following
letter in the N. C. Daily News gives
an idea of how a correspondent
named "Mutt," regards them—During the last few days I have
been reading with great interest
the correspondence which you have
published about this strange and
apparently dubious sect, the
Shriners.Yesterday on casually remarking
to a friend,"Have you seen the Shriners?"
He said in all innocence,
"No, but I have not even seen
the Quaints."This reply, though not at the
time intended to do so, gives, I
think a very adequate idea of the
impression left in Shanghai by this
most frantic and un-American in-
vasion. The name might well be
transferred from the excellent
theatrical company to these strange
creatures.

WASHINGTON AND AFTER.

American Reflections on The
Results.With the adoption, by the great
Powers in committee, of the res-
olutions outlawing submarines
as commerce destroyers, and
banning the use of poison gas in
warfare—both immensely and
universally popular measures—
public interest in the Washington
Conference is at an end, writes
the Daily Chronicle special cor-
respondent from New York.It will be asked in Great Britain
what has been the effect in the
United States of the Conference
now about to close?BREAK-UP OF JAPANESE
ALLIANCE.Let me recapitulate, first, and
transcending everything else to
Americans, the discussion has
resulted in the dissolution of the
Anglo-Japanese Alliance in fav-
our of the Four-Power Pacific
compact.If nothing else had been
achieved, the gathering would
have been regarded as well worth
while, for the Anglo-Japanese
Alliance had long rankled in the
popular breast, which had been
filled with deep distrust of
Japan's policy, distrust which all
the protestations and assurances
of Japan's statesmen were unable
to allay.In a word, dissolution of the
alliance was held to be the acid
test of John Bull's friendship for
Uncle Sam.

NAVAL DISARMAMENT.

Second in importance of accom-
plishment is the large measure of
naval disarmament agreed upon,
which, for all men except design-
ing Jingoists, places, as it were,
the seal of security on the Pacific
accord.Primarily for this, next as an
aspirer of the desire of the ma-
jority of the Great Powers to see
an end of all war; thirdly, as a
big step towards international
economic recovery; and, lastly,
as permitting certain relief in
national taxation, it is
a matter for rejoicing that
these are the achievements that
stand out for Americans as great
historic events, like the entry of
the United States on the late field
of Armageddon, and they mark
also the restoration of American
prestige among the nations—a
very comforting thought.

U.S.A.—APPRECIATION—LIMITED.

Now as to how the nations in-
vited to the Washington Confer-
ence have fared in public estima-
tion here. Only three need be
considered—Britain, Japan and
France.England has gained the most.
Her loyal co-operation in carry-
ing out the American plans, and
her unqualified adherence to
American ideals as being her
own, are appreciated. But these
things were expected, and few
American hearts beat warmer
towards her because of them.A cold analysis of the British
position in the popular mind
shows that England, under the
pressure of Australia and Canada,
and the necessity of streng-
thening her relations with
the United States, adopted the
part of wisdom in renouncing the
Japanese Alliance.

NO CREDIT GIVEN TO US.

In accepting the sacrifice of her
naval supremacy to end the ruin-
ous rivalry in armaments and
ease her crushing financial bur-
den, she was aware that she could
not long maintain her pre-em-
inence on the sea in competition
with this country, and so had
everything to gain.To sum up: England, having
done what was expected of her,
rather as a matter of course—a
point not without its psychologic
value—although in so doing she
consulted her best interests, is
definitely established as America's
best friend and her associate in a
moral partnership which assures
to the English-speaking peoples a
decisive influence in maintaining
the peace of the world.As regards Japan, the average
American is still unconvinced.
He cannot be convinced of her
sincerity and goodwill. To his
thinking the Mikado's advisers, in
view of Great Britain's attitude,
had no alternative but to ac-
quiesce in the Harding-Hughes
programme.

FRANCE'S FALL.

And France? Well, France,
the traditional friend and ally,
has fallen from her high eminence
in popular esteem until her stock
is near zero level.American ears had for some
time been wearied by France's
incessant clamouring of her
wrongs and demands that they
should be redressed—always at
the expense of her associates in
the war. "After all," people said,
"others suffered terribly also, and

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surely have the title to some con-
sideration." They began to ques-
tion her motives, and suspect that
she was inspired by militaristic
ambitions.Her early and wholly unlooked-
for exhibition of susceptibility and
recalcitrancy in the Conference,
she would benefit more than any
other participant, was a further
severe strain on the American
people's patience. Their hearts
were set on military as well as
naval disarmament.France's insistence on a large
Army, however, was condoned—
grudgingly—as was, perhaps,
natural in view of Germany's
bad faith in carrying out her
obligations. But when she took
an unbending stand again in her
astonishing demand for a large
submarine flotilla when the com-
plete abolition of the submarine
was desired, it was the last
straw.Even though the people are
beginning to understand that, at
the bottom of it all, was onlyFrance's determination to force
a hard and fast alliance
for her future protection from
aggression by Germany, which
the United States had refused,
but which is now in a fair way
of being secured through a com-
bination of European Powers, it
will be a long, long time before she
will be forgiven for preventing
the Washington Conference from
becoming the complete success
which, but for her opposition, it
will always be believed it would
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BANK OBSTRUCTION. The Police Take Action.

Following recent complaints voiced by the *Telegraph* against the obstruction caused on the pavement outside the Chartered Bank and Netherlands Trading Society premises by Chinese, mostly of the type that speculate in exchange, the Police have taken action. A case was heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning when a Chinese broker was charged with obstructing the pavement and with refusing to obey the lawful orders of a constable when the latter requested him to "move on."

The case was in charge of the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe) who said that it was the result of complaints received from private individuals and also those which had appeared in the Press. He had instructed the Traffic Inspector, Mr. Garrod, to go down and warn those people that they were not allowed to obstruct the pavement in question. The officer warned them on three separate occasions, this morning to disperse, but the defendant was obdurate. This matter of the obstruction of the pavement in question was of long standing, and he (Mr. Wolfe) had had occasion to write recently to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs as to how the matter stood in relation to his Department. The Secretary did warn those Chinese, and it was only recently that the obstruction of the pavement again became acute. It was quite impossible for a pedestrian to use the pavement, the obstructions lined it from the Mercantile Bank to the Chartered

Bank, and he had to move into the roadway to continue his journey.

That it was with difficulty that the Traffic Inspector carried out his instructions was indicated to the Magistrate when that officer stated that as soon as he ordered the Chinese to move from one spot they congregated in another. When this had been repeated three times the officer dodged into a lane or alleyway between the buildings and surprised them, for, disregarding his orders that they should stay within the passage of the Dutch Bank, they again emerged into the street and gathered in a group, the central figure of which was the defendant. The latter appeared to be the principal offender. He was holding a slip of paper in his hands and, oblivious to the return of the Inspector, was excitedly shouting what appeared to the Inspector to be "quotations."

The Magistrate dismissed the charge of "refusing to obey the lawful orders of the constable" but registered a conviction on the charge of obstruction. The defendant was fined \$5.

The C. S. P., as a last word, said that it was very necessary that the pavement should be kept clear in that crowded portion of the road. It was, moreover, the only footpath in that locality.

Inspector Garrod said that a passage between two of the buildings in this locality could be used by these Chinese, but apparently it was considered not good enough for the purpose.

MOTHER OF TWENTY-SEVEN.

A woman stated at Clerkenwell County Court that she was the mother of 27 children. Seven sons served in the war.

SUB-CONTRACTOR'S CLAIM.

An Interesting Judgment.

Judgment was this morning given by Mr. Justice Gompertz, in the Summary Court, in an action brought by Li Yun Kee against Li Wah Hing (trading as the On Hing firm) for balance due for work done as sub-contractor.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said:—The plaintiff's claim is for the balance due for work done by him as sub-contractor to defendant.

The defence is as follows:—On the 7th. February, 1921, being the eve of China New Year's Day, the plaintiff's representative was present with other creditors at the defendant's shop. The defendant announced that he had no money, but that he had managed to borrow the sum of \$2,000, out of which he proposed to pay his creditors about 20 per cent. more or less of the amount of their claims, aggregating roughly \$10,000, if they would agree to take it in full satisfaction. If this offer was refused, he would file his petition in bankruptcy. The arrangement was not at first accepted and there were many complaints. Finally, however, all present except two persons agreed to a present payment in full satisfaction of their claims. The defendant's accountant then made a list of creditors with the amount receivable by each. The list was headed as follows:—

"The following is a statement of moneys due to various firms for goods and for work done, commencing from 1919 and ending on the 7th. day of February, 1921 which when duly received shall be deemed to be in full settlement. This is proof."

Each creditor then who accepted the amount written opposite his name, appended his signature, and the word "received." Eventually, one of the two dissentient creditors came in a little later, received the amount offered him and duly signed the receipt. One man only stood out and refused to sign—he was paid nothing then and has received nothing since.

The plaintiff did not attend personally, as he was sick, but he sent his father.

There is a certain conflict of evidence which on the main points I am prepared to decide in the defendant's favour.

It is noteworthy that, when the case first came on for hearing, the only point made for the plaintiff was that the signature put in as that of the son was a forgery; that the son never in fact signed the document. This contention Mr. Russ very wisely dropped—he felt, I think, that it could not be supported on the evidence. It is not now effectively contested that the son when he took the money signed an acknowledgment that he received it in full settlement.

The son says now that he never read the paper he signed; that he was told he was receiving a payment on account only, and that he believed this; and never took the money in settlement. I am bound to say that I do not believe a word of this, nor do I believe the son's statement that the defendant was not present when the payments were made and the receipts given. The next question is as to the authority of the son to accept a composition. There is so much that is incredible in the plaintiff's story that I am inclined, on the whole, to accept the defendant's version of the matter. He says that he saw father and son together some little time before, when the father said that he was sick and could not attend to business and that the son would represent him. The defendant says that he told the father then that he might have to ask for a composition. Even if I am wrong here, I am satisfied that the son knew perfectly well what he was doing and that he told the father, when he got home, what had been done and that the father was satisfied and accepted the payment as extinguishing the debt. Another point taken by Mr. Russ in his able argument was that unless the father failed in the composition failed. He referred to Reay v. Richardson, S. C. M. & R. 422. The headnote on this point is as follows:—

"Held—that this plea was bad—as it did not show that all or the great body of the defendant's creditors had come into the arrangement and agreed to take composition."

When the case is looked at it is seen to be a decision on the pleadings. It was consistent with the plea, said Lord Abinger, C. B., that every other creditor, except one, refused to enter into the

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agreement—"and if that be so,"—he says, "neither H.W.R. nor the plaintiffs are bound by it."

In the present case all the creditors but one agreed in the end and there was thus ample consideration for the plaintiff's agreement. On the evidence, moreover, it is clear that those creditors who accepted payment and signed the receipt knew when they did so that two of their number declined to come in.

Another point is that the plaintiff never got a full 20 per cent. but only about 15 per cent. while one creditor got over 20 per cent.

Now the announcement by the defendant was that he would pay about 20 per cent. He had \$3,000 to distribute among creditors for about \$10,000 and he says that the larger amounts got a smaller percentage. The amount to be paid to each creditor was written down and it was open to him if he was dissatisfied with the sum allotted to him to stand out for more. A man who does not do this and is satisfied with the amount he receives cannot claim later on to have the whole transaction reopened. There is no taint or fraud, for I am quite satisfied that every creditor understood what was being done and acquiesced in it. The case falls within the principle laid down in Good v. Chessman, 2 B. & Ad. 935.

There must be judgment for the defendant, with costs.

COMPANY MEETING.

Hongkong Hotel Company.

An extraordinary meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company was held at the Hotel this morning for the purpose of confirming the resolutions passed at a meeting held on February 1st. Mr. A. R. Lowe presided and there were also present Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. J. Scott Harrison, (Directors), Mr. J. H. Taggart (Managing Director), Mr. H. N. Beaupre (Secretary), and Messrs. Fung Tai-hang, E. W. Alderson, N. V. A. Croucher, M. S. Northcote, T. R. Parsons, A. S. Ellis, A. W. Smith, W. E. Van Epps and E. J. Chapman (shareholders). The shares represented by those present were 80,341.

The notice of meeting having been read,

The Chairman said:—I now beg to propose that the resolutions which the Secretary has just read to you be confirmed and I shall be glad if some shareholder will kindly second that.

Mr. Northcote seconded and the resolution was agreed to.

DAY BY DAY.

A returned emigrant from the States was arrested on the Praya yesterday as a result of the discovery on him of a revolver and 42 rounds of ammunition. When brought before the Magistrate this morning, he said that he had just landed from the *Kaystona* State, and was ignorant of the local regulations concerning the possession of arms. Mr. Lindsell asked if he had not seen a notice of the regulations posted on board the liner, and the defendant replied in the negative. It was his habit, he said, to carry the revolver to safeguard the jewellery he carried with him. The Magistrate imposed a \$100 fine and made the order that the arms should be returned to the defendant within the probational period of three months on his producing an arms permit from the Canton authorities.

ROPE COMPANY.

Dividend and Bonus.

At the forthcoming meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, the following division of profits for last year will be recommended, viz:—

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MYSTERY OF STRAITS CHINESE PRISONER.

Sent Back from Hongkong.

THE TORILLA INCIDENT.

The Torilla, having been searched high and low without result for the missing prisoner, Yeo Chay Sang, who was sent back from Hongkong to stand his trial in connection with embezzlement of property here, and who mysteriously disappeared early on Monday morning last a few hours before the vessel put into port, it is now concluded that he could not have been hiding in the ship. He must have jumped overboard, and is either drowned or has reached some land neighbouring Singapore. The Torilla continued her journey to Rangoon yesterday.—*Singapore Free Press* Feb. 7.

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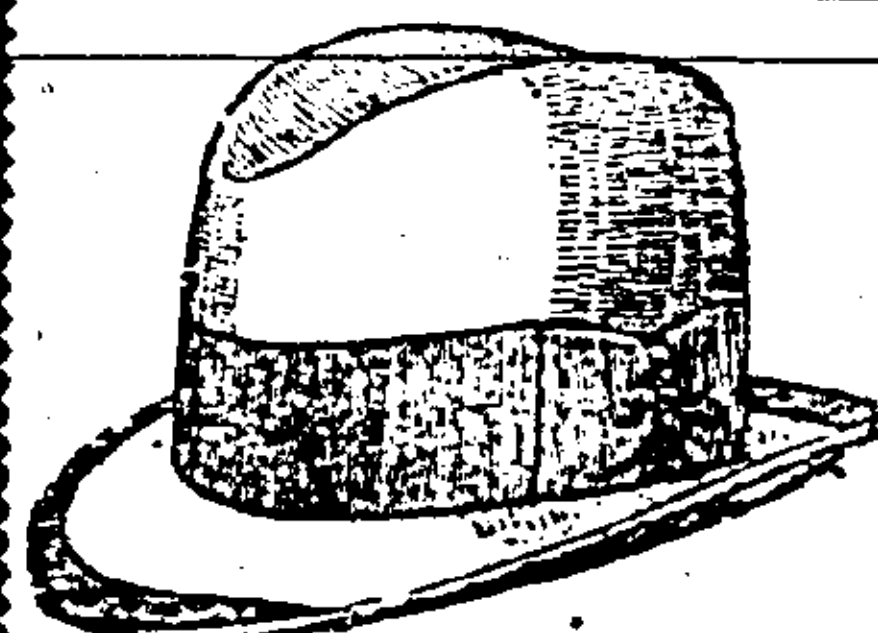
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CAMERA NEWS



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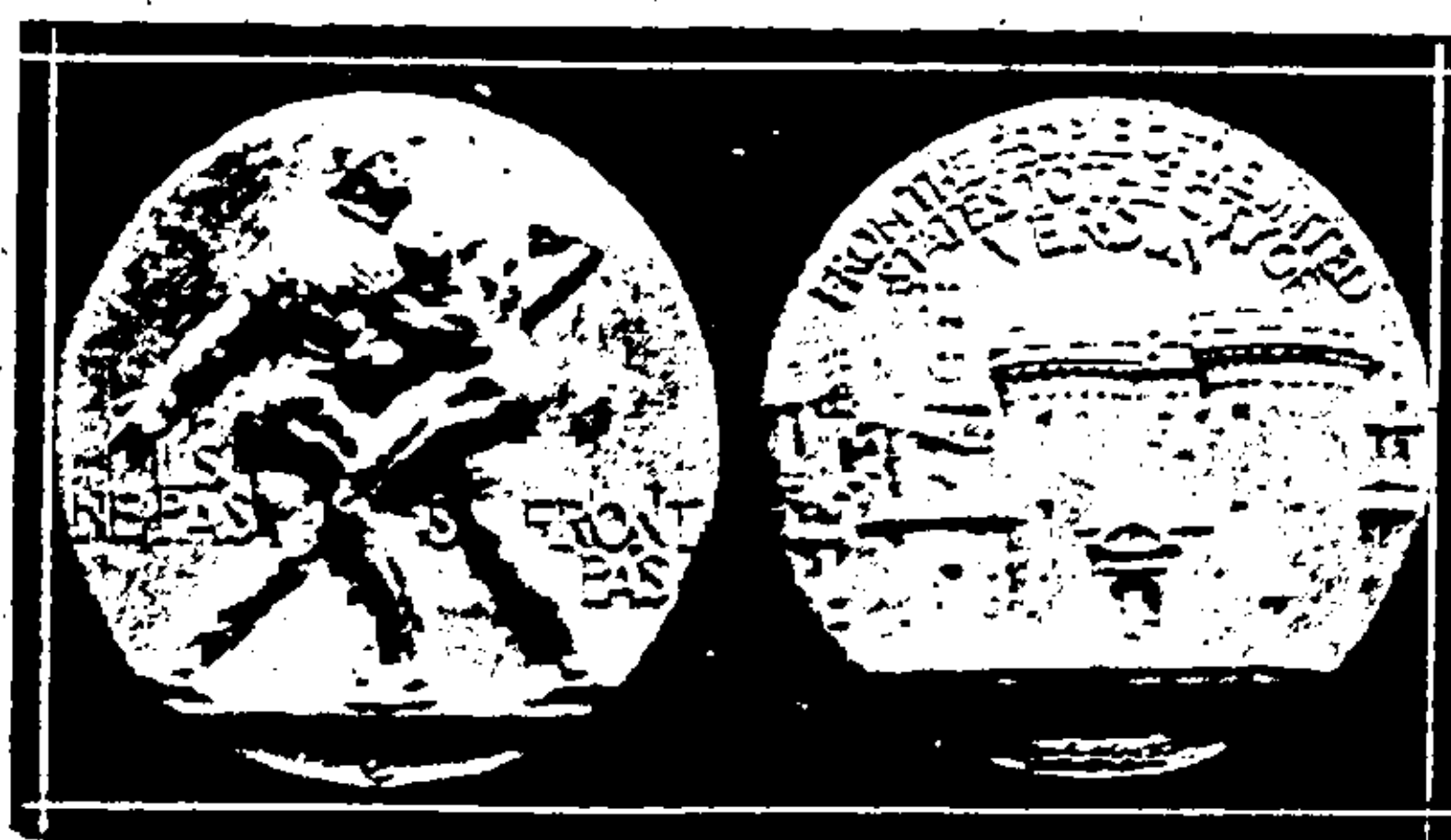
Miss Marion Leech, Washington, D. C., shows great promise of being women's national champion some day. She is junior champion of the Friends School.



George Cook, Australian heavyweight champion, training for his recent fight with Georges Carpentier, which he lost.



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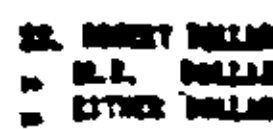
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Superintendent.
Hongkong, Feb. 16, 1922

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

"PARADISE OF LABOUR."

The London newspapers give prominence to a lengthy cable from the Broken Hill Proprietary, explaining that the Industrial Court's regulations, artificially sustaining high wages, render it necessary to curtail operations in Newcastle, and imperil the existence of the steel industry in Australia. The *Financial Times*, commenting on this and the refusal of the Mount Morgan miners to accept the Arbitration Court's award, reducing wages 20 per cent., states:—"Australia for a long time past has been known as the Paradise of Labour. It looks as though a sharp lesson will be required to demonstrate to the Australian worker that his paradise is of the kind appertaining to fools."

PHILIPPINE BUREAU COMMERCE.

The Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the Philippine Islands have passed a resolution putting the Chamber on record as against the proposed abolition of the Bureau of Commerce and Industry. The resolution was in reply to the recommendation of the finance commission to the effect that the bureau should be discontinued and its activities shifted to other government bureaus and offices. The members of the chamber claim that the suspension of the bureau would harm merchants and business men in the islands, who generally carry on their business transaction with the other countries through it. They also fear its abolition would end the spreading of information about the Philippine dealing with its economic possibilities.

REPLY TO LORD INCHCAPE.

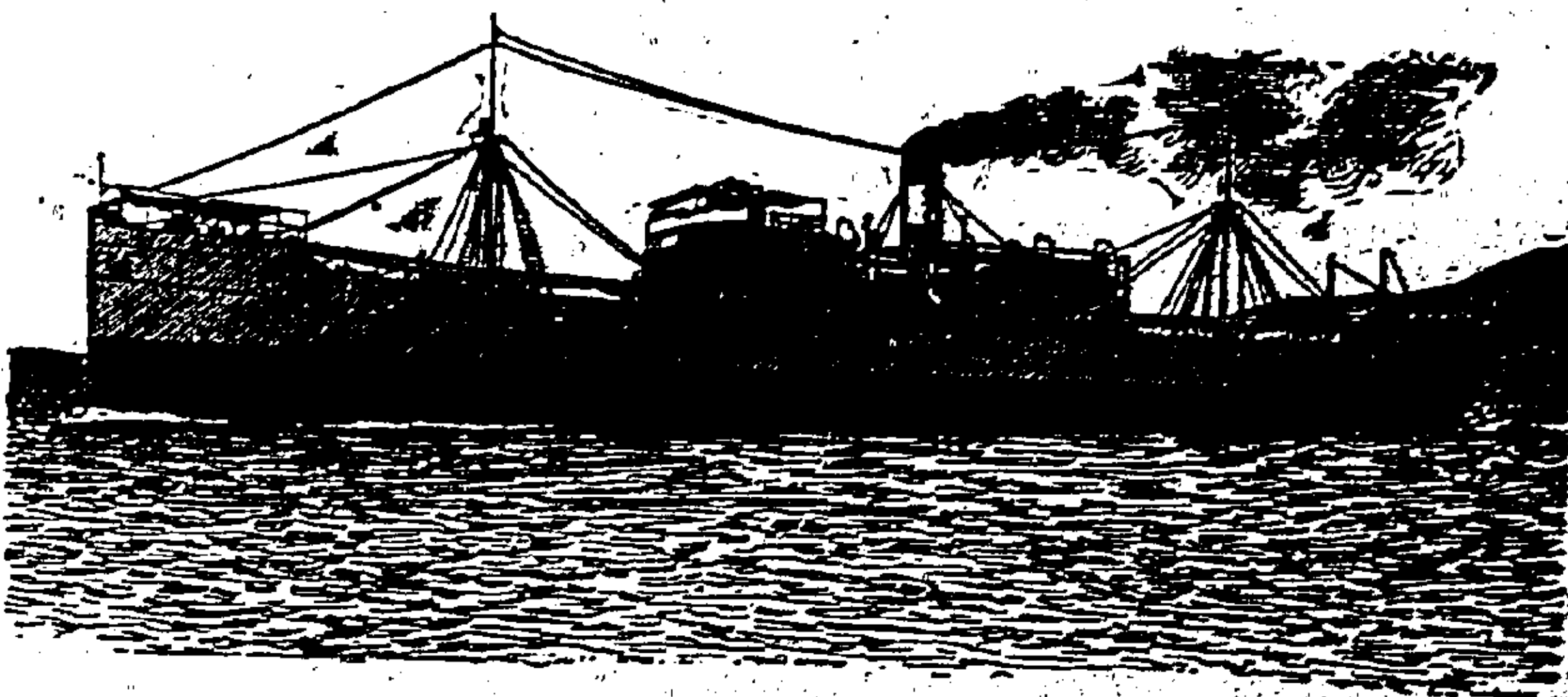
Stung by the remarks made by Lord Inchcape at the P. and O. meeting Dr. Addison (an ex-member of the Cabinet), in a letter, has given vent to his feelings. "Lord Inchcape," says the doctor, "forgets to mention that during the time of our greatest need it was not until Sir Joseph Macleay and his patriotic colleagues got to work that it was possible to put a real check on the rapacity of some shipping companies, whose charges had probably done more to impoverish the nation than all the housing schemes together several times over." Upon this the *Journal of Commerce* (Liverpool) comments as follows:—"Dr. Addison might have added that if it had not been for the merchant marine of Great Britain, built by the way with private capital, the country, would probably have starved, and he might have stated that the bulk of the high freight went into the pockets of what were known as 'neutral' ship-owners. Moreover, in the case of shipping companies operating in this country, the Government took best part of the increased freights in the shape of E. P. D. and income-tax. 'The rapacity of some shipowners' certainly comes well from a member of the greatest spendthrift Government ever known. It must have amused Lord Inchcape and induced him to sharpen up another axe for Whitehall."

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**THE JOURNEY OF THE
NEW YEAR.**

First Welcome to 1922.

The first was in the British Isles, states the Observer of January 1, paid our respects to the New Year on the stroke of mid-night last night, its birthday took place at noon on Saturday at the opposite side of the globe, when 1921 began its last long journey round the earth with the infant 1922 close on its heels. At that moment it was midnight of December 31 at all places between the two Poles that is to say to the conventional line in the middle of the Pacific Ocean which marks the end and commencement of every day. The first people to welcome the beginning of a New Year are those who inhabit the small group of islands which belong to New Zealand and are situated rather less than 500 miles east-south-east of that Colony.

As the earth turns eastward on its axis the New Year travels westward, passing New Zealand thirty minutes after its birth, New Caledonia the same interval later, the eastern districts of Australia when two hours old, and thence at half-hourly and hourly intervals, taking the salutations of the peoples of South Australia, Japan and Korea, Asia, India, Africa and Europe, until, aged exactly twelve hours it reaches the meridian of Greenwich, at which moment its birth takes place to all the countries of Western Europe except Denmark, Holland, and Scandinavia.

By the time 1922 had crossed the Atlantic and commenced its five-hour journey from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast of America we had forgotten 1921 and made ourselves at home with its successor, but the New Year is still in the process of being born as it careers over the Pacific westward to the time meridian where it first came to earth, and not until midnight to-night will every corner of the globe make the acquaintance of the year which is fraught with so much promise for humanity.

But to-day is New Year's Day only to those who count the flight of time by the Gregorian Calendar, for hundreds of millions it has no significance. These countries in communion with the Greek Church still remain faithful to the inaccurate Julian Calendar, the error of which is now over thirteen days, and increasing at the rate of one day in 129 years. For them the first day of 1922 will happen next Saturday week, and they have five more days in which to anticipate the celebration of Christmas.

The Persian New Year, which is associated with the vernal equinox, is nearly three months ahead, but the Persian people can congratulate themselves not only on beginning the New Year at the ideal moment when the sun comes into the northern heavens, but on possessing a calendar which they owe to their famous post-astronomer, Omar Khayyam, far more accurate than either the Gregorian or the Julian, its error being so insignificant that it accumulates to only one day in 168,000 years.

Other New Year's Days are those of the Mahomedans, Jews, and Copts, but these are mainly religious observances. In many countries where the lunar year survives for religious purposes the Gregorian Calendar has been adopted for civil purposes, as is now the case even in Turkey. And when more important matters have been settled by the League of Nations, that body may bring about international uniformity in the matter of the calendar and thus ensure a simultaneous celebration of the birth of a New Year among the nations of the earth.

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**END OF THE "KU KLUX
KLAN."**

Its Origin and its Methods.

Some months ago a score of American newspapers opened a simultaneous attack upon the "Ku Klux Klan," an organisation whose professed motives were highly commendable, but whose methods were detestable. The members of this "secret" society shielded against recognition by their long white robes, masks, and conical caps, took it upon themselves to deal with persons whose conduct or opinions gave offence to the "Knights" of the "Klan." Their methods were neither just nor gentle; the beating and tarring-and-feathering of men and women incurring their displeasure appears to have been a quite common incident, and much graver charges have been made against the "Klan." Cowardly attacks upon American citizens by "Klansmen" as a punishment for real or imaginary offences became so frequent, and the pernicious influence of the society began to extend so rapidly, that the New York World made an investigation into its operations, and the result of this inquiry was published in New York and a number of other large cities in a series of syndicated articles.

At first the officials at the head of the "Klan" professed to be greatly pleased at the wide publicity given to their "patriotic" movement, and boasted that, so far from the exposure damaging their cause, new members were being enrolled at the rate of five thousand a day. There was talk of the "Imperial Wizard"—a former minister of religion, and head of the "Klan"—bringing action for a million dollars damages against the New York World for libel, but the latest news is to the effect that a petition has been filed in the Superior Court at Atlanta requesting the appointment of receivers to take charge of the affairs of the "Knights" of the "Ku Klux Klan."

It is perhaps premature to regard this latest development as indicating the complete collapse of the "Klan," but it may be hoped that the proceedings at Atlanta at least mark the beginning of an early end. No American citizen who is not fanatically prejudiced against every man and woman, whose skin is of a darker shade than his own, or whose religious opinions differ from his, can excuse the shameful outrages perpetrated by the white-robed "Knights" in the name of patriotism. The "Klan" is fanatically anti-negro, anti-Oriental, anti-Jewish, and anti-Roman Catholic, and deludes itself into the belief that because of this it is intensely pro-American. Patriotism based upon ferocious hatred of all persons incapable of changing their complexions or their ancestry is quite out of date—or should be, nor is it patriotic to regard another citizen as an implacable enemy because of a difference in religious observances.

The original "Ku Klux Klan" was established in 1867, after the Civil War, and its atrocious methods of cultivating 100 per

**BEST COAL OUTPUT OF
THE YEAR.**

What it Means.

The figures just published by the Board of Trade indicating that the output of coal for the last recorded week, December 17, was 5,025,800 tons, compared with 4,555,100 tons in the preceding week, are as significant as they are interesting. This is the first occasion on which the figure had reached five million tons in a single week during the year 1921, and it is, one supposes, the best index it could be possible to have of the sure and steady revival of prosperity in the industry, writes a special correspondent in the Observer.

From the figures two important deductions are to be drawn. In the first place, it is necessary to remember that this high output has been attained despite the fact that probably a hundred and fifty thousand miners are still idle, and even a larger proportion are working on short time. This points to the fact that there is in the coal trade to-day a remarkable concentration on work, and a greater recognition of the importance on the part of the mon of a high output than has been obtained for a long time past. It augurs well for the future.

In the second place, it may be taken that these figures are a sure indication that the British coalowners and exporters are continuing to find available markets for the product. Clearly the pits would not be kept open and the miners at work were it not that firms are able to dispose of the coal at figures which do not involve too ruinous a loss. Rather do they indicate what has already been suggested in these columns, namely, that we are gradually re-establishing ourselves in our own markets abroad, and that we are beginning to obtain once more the old steady orders which assure the prosperity of the industry.

High output, of course, carries with it a reduction of production costs, inasmuch as such costs are spread over a larger volume. Thus British coalowners, if they are not already doing so, should soon be able to produce and sell coal on a margin of profit. This will be heartening news for the British miners, who, in many parts of the coalfields and especially in South Wales, are living and working under an appallingly low wage-rate—a rate now based upon the available profit or loss of the industry. Coming weeks should, if this output rate is maintained, bring a material improvement in the conditions at present obtaining.

cent. Americanism—negroes being usually the victims of its murderous work—led to an Act of Congress being passed, in 1871, which suppressed the "Klan." Its revival during the last five years is a symptom of the unsettledness resulting from the war; in normal times it is incredible that half a million American citizens could become associated with such a scheme.

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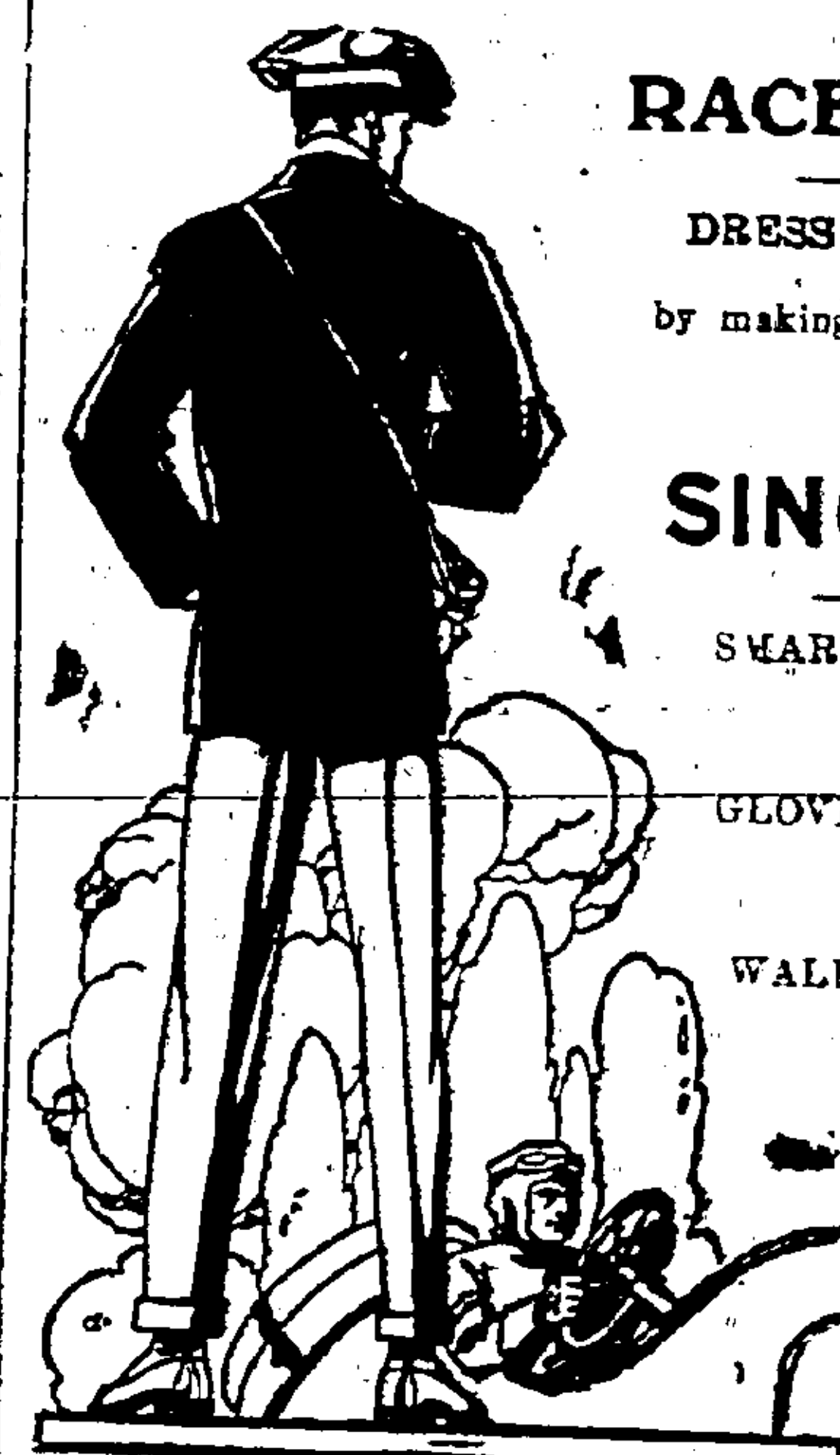
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**Is There any Longer Need
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The following letter has been addressed to the Times by "Pacifist":—

Is there in the nature of things any reason why the Liberals of the two tabernacles should not compose their differences? There have been competent grounds for division in the Liberal Party in the past, e.g., Ireland and Empire politics. But one can detect no trace of fundamental disagreement to-day, unless it be found in the Safeguarding of Industries Act, which is obnoxious to as many Coalition Liberals as "Wee" Frees. The present quarrel seems to be mainly personal, but surely there is room in one great party for "Irishmen" and "Wee" Frees. The "senatorial dignity" of Mr. Lloyd George and the "party" of Mr. Lloyd George

Asquith. In Mr. Lloyd George many think we have the most powerful and beneficent influence now operating in world politics.

We may hope there will be no reactionary elements in the new party; no "stopped clock" in its furniture. I believe the party would attract so many adherents that it could well afford to be progressive and advanced. It would have to find room for a very strong Radical sentiment, of which I notice nowadays many symptoms, one of its policies being that we must give up manufacturing aristocracy by the creation of hereditary titles. Our institutions still require a good deal of modernizing in a democratic sense, and there is ample material for a Radical and popular programme.

All that is required is the right word from the right person, and I believe Liberalism would recover its unity at once.

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THE EXCHANGE BANKS will open for the transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 20th, 21st and 22nd, February, and close at 12 noon. Hongkong, 11th, February, 1922.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1922.

"D.A.J." extend a cordial invitation to all their friends to attend the forthcoming Race Meeting at their Private Stand. No cards are being issued.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STOCK EXCHANGE will be closed on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, and Saturday 25th, inst. By Order of the Committee. P. TESTER, Secretary. Hongkong, 16th, Feb., 1922.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held in the BOTANIC GARDENS on 2nd and 3rd MARCH 2 p.m. till 6 p.m. Admission \$1.00.

PRIZES will be presented by LADY STUBBS at 5 p.m. Military Band will play. Tea obtainable in the grounds. Intending Exhibitors are reminded that ENTRIES close on 3rd February. As the Races will be held next week it is suggested that Exhibitors compile their lists during this coming week-end and forward them early to the Hon. Secretary—Mr. L. Gibbs, Beaconsfield Arcade.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O.

Administrative Commandant. Hongkong, Friday, 17th, Feb.

1. Parades. No parades will take place on Monday, 20th and Friday, 24th February, owing to Races.

2. Musketry. Part of the Annual Musketry Course will be fired by No. 6 Platoon and the remainder of No. 5 Platoon, at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 19th instant, commencing at 10 a.m.

Dress: Drill Order. Officer for duty: 2nd Lieut. T. P. M. Bevan, M.C.

A Launch from Kowloon Docks will call at Kowloon Police Pier at 9.15 a.m. to pick up men of Nos. 5 and 6 Platoons for Stonecutters.

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The Institute will Re-open on Monday, Feb. 20th. Students will be Enrolled at the Education Office only, and should apply at once for Entry Forms.

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NOTICE.

RACE MEETING. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the 20th, 21st, and 22nd, February, all Departments will be closed at 1 p.m. On these days

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A.S. WATSON & CO., LTD. Hongkong, 16th, Feb., 1922.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1922.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate. Price \$12 for the Meeting, or \$4 per day. No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

H. BIRKETT, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1922.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE during the Races.

A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for Members. Members' Wives and Families tickets are now ready and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis. All tickets must be produced to gain admission.

H. BIRKETT, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1922.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersigned. No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersigned.

These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands. Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit them, and the holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

H. BIRKETT, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1922.

RACE WEEK.

A FANCY DRESS BALL in aid of THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. Monday, February, 20th 1922.

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By Order of the Board of Directors, M. MANUK, Secretary.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 22nd February, 1922, until Friday, the 3rd March, 1922, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 17th, Feb., 1922.

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HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Friday the 3rd day of March 1922 at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon when the proposed Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions.

1. That Article 105 of this Company's Articles of Association be altered as follows:—

(a) By the insertion of "\$10,000" in the place of "\$3,000" in the fifth line thereof.

(b) By striking out in the ninth and tenth lines thereof the words "for each financial year of the Company" and inserting in place thereof the words "in every year wherein such profits shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$150,000, and a commission of ten per cent. per annum on all the net profits of the Company in excess of that sum."

2. That the above Resolution (No. 1) to be retrospective and take effect from the 1st day of January 1922.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a further Extraordinary General Meeting and such Meeting will be held on Monday, the 20th day of March, 1922, at the same time and place for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming such Resolutions as Special Resolutions accordingly.

Dated the 15th day of Feb., 1922

By Order of the Board, JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday the 18th. day of February 1922 at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st. December 1921.

The Register of shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday 6th. February to Saturday 18th. February 1922 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on the day and at the place aforesaid immediately upon the termination of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following resolution, viz:—

That the Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinances under which the Corporation is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the ordinary note issue of the Corporation being increased to \$2,000,000 (being the amount of the present paid up capital of the Corporation) and to modify the existing requirements as regards the deposit of security in respect of its note issues in such manner as

(a) to relieve the Corporation from the necessity of keeping with the Crown Agents or with Trustees appointed by the Secretary of State coin or bullion as security against any part of the ordinary note issue and to give the Corporation the option of securing such portion of the same as is required to be secured by the deposit (at the option of the Corporation) either of coin or of securities approved by the Secretary of State

(b) to relieve the Corporation of the obligation to keep at each of its establishments an amount of coin or bullion equal in value to 1/10th. at least of the notes issued from such establishment and actually in circulation and to leave such matter to the discretion of the Corporation and

(c) to allow the Corporation to keep portions of the coin or bullion required to be deposited with the Colonial Secretary and the Colonial Treasurer as security against its excess note issue (viz: the issue beyond \$2,000,000) in places outside the Colony where its notes are issued to such amounts and subject to such conditions as may be approved from time to time by the Governor.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 1st. February, 1922.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Consignees of cargo landed into this Company's godowns during the present unsettled state of affairs are hereby notified that all cargo remaining in godown after expiry of the free storage period will be subject to all extraordinary expenses incurred in connection therewith.

W. S. BROWN, Secretary. Hongkong, 11th. February, 1922.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

Proposed New Issue of Shares to Members on the Register on 17th. February, 1922.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 18th. to 25th. February, 1922 both days inclusive.

Dated the 7th. February, 1922.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD, H. K. BEAUBAIRE, Secretary.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION.

The above Association will be open until Noon on the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 25th February, and rates will be issued at 10 a.m. each day, instead of 10.30 a.m. as usual.

By Order of the Committee, J. W. KEW, Secretary.

FOOTBALL.

Notes on To-morrow's Games.

(BY "QUIZ")

The matches for to-morrow are as follows:—

SHIELD COMPETITION. Hongkong Club v. St. Joseph's. Club ground, 3 p.m.

H.M.S. Tamar v. United A.C.—Navy "B" ground, 3 p.m.

South China v. Hongkong Police.—South China ground, 4.15 p.m.

LEAGUE DIVISION I. Kick off 4.15 p.m.

R.G.A. v. H.M.S. Ambrose.—Sookunpoo ground.

Kowloon v. H.M.S. Curlew.—Kowloon ground, Happy Valley.

DIVISION II. Kick off 2.45 p.m.

South China "B" v. Curlew Reserves.—Navy "A" ground.

H.K. Club Reserves v. R.G.A. Reserves.—Kowloon ground, Happy Valley.

King's Reserves v. University.—Sookunpoo ground.

South China "A" v. Kowloon Reserves.—South China ground.

The Punjab have withdrawn from the League, owing to their early departure from the Station.

Football enthusiasts should note the times for the starting of the Shield matches. The match on the Club ground will commence sharp at 3 p.m. owing to the Rugby match, Club v. Army, which is due on the same ground at 4.30 p.m. for the Hongkong F.C. Rugby Challenge Cup. ST. JOSEPH'S v. THE CLUB.

The match on the Club ground should produce good football, as St. Joseph's are turning out some unknown men in their Club colours. Rodger will be absent again this week, and it is expected that McCubbin will partner Gerrard at half, McPhail going up into the middle line. The Club should have an easy match and enter the semi-final of the Competition.

TAMAR v. UNITED. The Tamar oppose the United on the Navy "B" ground early in the afternoon, and a very good game is expected. The United will be strengthened by the four University players who assisted them against Kowloon in the first round. The Tamar are leaving nothing to chance and are confident of winning, in which case they will probably meet the Club in the semi-final on the Club ground.

KOWLOON v. CURLEW. In the League, the Kowloon Curlew match should be fast. The sailors found the going heavy last Wednesday when playing the R.G.A., while the state of the ground was against accurate football. With the improved weather conditions the sailors should win and equal the Club on points with a match in hand.

Kowloon has a very light team out and they will find the sailors very speedy. The last game between these teams ended in a win for the sailors by a goal to nil.

R.G.A. v. AMBROSE. The R. G. A. receive the Ambrose at Sookunpoo and the soldiers will be out to take revenge on the sailors, who defeated them in the last match by the odd goal in three. The R.G.A. did the leading teams in the League a good turn when they took a point from the Curlew in midweek. The Ambrose side are improving and should give the R.G.A. a good run on the Garrison ground. The soldiers play better football at Sookunpoo than on the Valley grounds and are expected to win.

OTHER TEAMS. In the Junior Division, the best game should be that due on navy "A" ground between South China "B" and Curlew Reserves. The sailors will be out to win, for they are still in the running for division honours while South China "B" gave the University a shock by beating them by two goals to nil after the University had beaten Curlew by four to one.

A win for the sailors is expected. Another good game should be seen on South China ground where the "A" team are

expected to meet Kowloon Reserves. The last meeting between these teams ended in a goalless draw, infact.

the play in the open being in favour of Kowloon. The "A" team are in a good position and will be out to win. Kowloon, should give South China a good run and may go one better than in their last match.

The Club and R.G.A. match is transferred to the other end of the valley, owing to the Shield match and Rugby Cup taking place on the Club ground. The R.G.A. should win, but the Club are an unknown quantity until they face the ball. A full side is expected out and a keen game should be seen.

The University are due to meet the King's Reserves at Sookunpoo but at the time of writing it is doubtful whether this match will be played owing to the University men assisting the United in the Shield competition against the Tamar. If it is played a draw is expected.

LEAGUE TABLE. The Division I: League table to date is as follows:—

Club	P.W.L.D.	For	Against	Points
Tamar	14	9	2	25
H.K. Club	14	6	3	15
Curlew	12	7	2	15
S. C. A.	11	6	1	16
R. G. A.	14	6	7	12
The King's	14	5	7	12
Cairo	10	3	5	7
H.K. Police	10	3	5	11
Kowloon	13	5	8	13
Titanis	11	3	6	9
Ambrose	11	2	9	16

* 2 points added.

Teams. The following players will represent South China in their Shield match:—Lau Hing Cheung; Chan So and Fung Tai; Cheung Wing Shing; Leung Tai Fong and Leung Yuk Tong; Lau Tak Chung; Kwok Po Kan; Wong Pak Chung; Ip Kau and Ko Sik Wai.

The following will represent the United against H. M. S. Tamar:—Beach; Sopher; Hopper; Leonard; Laine; Urquhart; Cheah; Samy; Valentine; May; Payne.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club in their Shield match:—G. Rodger; W. Gerrard; J. McCubbin; A. Mair; J. Stewart; J. W. Mac Phail; H. MacTavish; A. Forsyth; S. Berg; W. Kehr and E. England. Reserve:—J. M. Weyman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Hongkong Referees.

Sir,—With regard to "Player's" letter in your issue of yesterday, will you kindly allow me to reply as one of the Referees of this Colony?

Having arrived about six weeks ago from England, I have only been able to officiate in a few of the First League matches. I am prepared to admit that no referee is infallible, but when it is considered that he has 22 players, and in some matches, biased lineamen to control, surely some consideration should be shown if he is not always in a position to see the whole of the infringements which occur. Personally I am prepared to stand on test against any of the players with regard to the knowledge of the game and I am sure that the other referees will do the same.

Thanking you for your kind consideration.

Yours etc., F. SMITH.

English Cup-Tie Referee. Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1922.

THE METHOD OF MOUNTING

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S.S. "IYO MARU"

Are hereby notified that owing to the strike of Cargo and Wharf Coolies, cargo for Hongkong will be carried on the Shanghai and landed at that port. Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting insurance etc. accordingly. The cargo will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th. February, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

ARRIVED 13th. inst., FROM BOMBAY.

S.S. "AWA MARU"

Consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's (Ltd.) Godowns at their risk. Storage will be assessed on Cargo remaining undelivered on and after February, 20th, 1922.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will also be landed into the Kowloon Godowns, and date of examination will be advised later.

No claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Godowns, and none will be entertained if presented later than 10 days from February, 13 h. 1922.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th. February, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

From EUROPE via STRAITS.
CONSIGNEES OF CARGO FOR
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Are hereby notified that owing to the strike of Cargo and Wharf Coolies, Cargo for Hongkong will be carried over and landed at Shanghai and/or at Kobe. Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting insurance etc. accordingly. The Cargo will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

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Agents.
Hongkong, 13th. February, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Consignees of cargo for Hongkong per s.s. "ACAPENOR" are hereby notified that owing to the present state of affairs in Hongkong due to strike of seamen, etc. cargo for Hongkong will be landed at Shanghai, and consignees are recommended to make necessary arrangements as to insurance etc. accordingly. The cargo will be brought back to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th. Feb., 1922.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Due 16th. inst. from AUSTRALIA.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO FOR
HONGKONG PER
S.S. "TANGO MARU"

Are hereby notified that owing to the strike of Cargo and Wharf Coolies, cargo for Hongkong will be carried on to Japan and landed there. Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting insurance etc. accordingly. The cargo will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th. Feb., 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FROM PUGET SOUND via JAPAN and SHANGHAI.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO FOR
HONGKONG PER
S.S. "KATORI MARU"

Are hereby notified that owing to the strike of Cargo and Wharf Coolies, cargo for Hongkong will be landed at Shanghai. Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting insurance, etc. accordingly. The cargo will be brought on to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th. Feb., 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

VEREENIGDE NEDERLANDSCHE
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(United Netherlands Navigation Company.)
HOLLAND OOST AZIE LIJN.
(Holland East Asia Line)From EUROPE
S.S. "TJIBONDARI"

Consignees of cargo for Hongkong per above steamer are hereby notified that owing to the present state of affairs in Hongkong occasioned by the seamen's strike, cargo for this port will be carried on and landed in Shanghai. Consignees are recommended to make the necessary arrangements as to insurance etc. The cargo will be brought back to Hongkong when conditions here become normal.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 16th. Feb., 1922.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "GLYMONT"

The Charterers and consignees of cargo on this steamer are hereby notified that owing to their failure to discharge this steamer that arrangements for discharge have been made and that they (Charterers and consignees) will be held responsible for the cost of discharging, lighter charges, expense of placing in warehouse, storage and all other charges incidental thereto, also the cargo will be handled and stored at owners risk.

No Free storage will be allowed and storage charges will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered on and after Feb. 14th. No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the Godowns, and none will be entertained if presented later than two weeks from February, 14th, 1922.

No Fire Insurance whatever has been effected.

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Hongkong, 14th. Feb., 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

From TACOMA, VICTORIA via YOKOHAMA

The Company's Steamship
"AFRICA MARU"

NOTICE is hereby given that the above steamer arrived at this port this morning, and owing to the existing strikes, cargoes on board her cannot be discharged on arrival. In view of the necessity of sending the steamer to dry dock at the Takoo Dockyard for the Annual Survey on the 16th, consignees are hereby notified that the cargo shall be taken delivery of in their own lighters alongside the steamer from the 18th. instant, immediately after she is undocked.

S. YASUDA.
Manager.
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 15th. February, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"Ellerman" Line.

Consignees of cargo for Hongkong per s.s. "City of Simla" are hereby notified that owing to the present state of affairs in Hongkong due to strike of seamen, etc. cargo for Hongkong will be landed at Shanghai and consignees are recommended to make necessary arrangements as to insurance etc. The cargo will be brought back to Hongkong immediately conditions at this port become normal.

THE BANK LINE, LTD.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 13th. Feb., 1922.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.

"Within One Year."

A Washington message of Feb. 3. states—Representative John E. Rankin (dem.) of Mississippi to-day introduced a resolution which would pledge the United States to grant the Philippines Islands full and complete independence within one year. The resolution requests the president to consider the expediency of the negotiation of a treaty with other powers guaranteeing the integrity of the Philippines as a republic.

JAPANESE DELEGATES RETURN.

Attitude of the People.

The Korea-maru, with Prince Tokugawa, the Japanese delegate at the Washington Conference, and his party, arrived at Yokohama from San Francisco on the 30th. ult. Count Uchida, the Foreign Minister, and many dignitaries went to Yokohama to meet the Prince. He was interviewed on board by Press representatives, to whom, however, he refused to make any statement regarding the proceedings at the Washington Conference. He said that any statement must be reserved until the return of Admiral Baron Kato. As to the results of the Conference, the Prince said, different views might be held by different people. Some would regard it as a success for Japan, while others would entertain an altogether opposite opinion. He was ready to leave his interviewers to form their own opinions on the merits and demerits of the doings of the Japanese delegates.

Very elaborate police precautions were taken at Tokyo station in view of the arrival of Prince Tokugawa, as among a certain class of Japanese there is always a demand for the assassination of the national representatives. There were some 200 police officials to prevent the hostile demonstrations of those who are dissatisfied with the Prince. A number of persons connected with the Taihei Doshikai, which passed a hostile resolution on the previous day, arrived with many streamers and banners of various sizes and colours bearing derogatory characters. These were soon seized by the police, and some persons prominently connected with the association and the projected demonstrations were marched off to the Hibiya Police Station. At the station were Viscount Takahashi, the Premier, other Ministers, Viscount Kiyoura, the Vice-President of the Privy Council, Mr. Kawamura, the Director of the Colonial Bureau, Viscount Kato, the President of the Ken-seikai, and many members of the House of Peers. After exchanging greetings with these gentlemen Prince Tokugawa motored to his residence at Sendagaya. The reception given to him by the populace was very indifferent, there being no cheering. *Japan Chronicle.*

DEATH OF A FAMOUS PROFESSOR.

Dr. Sims Woodhead, Who Saved Army from Poisoned Water.

One of the best-known figures in the university life of the country, Sir German Sims Woodhead, professor of pathology at Cambridge, has died suddenly at Scampton, near Lincoln, aged sixty-six.

He had been spending part of his Christmas vacation with friends.

Professor Woodhead, who was the son of a former Huddersfield newspaper proprietor, came prominently before the public in the days of the old Education Act disputes. He was a leader of the passive resisters in Cambridge, and suffered disbarment for the non-payment of rates.

During the war he was inspector of laboratories in the military hospitals of the United Kingdom, and adviser in pathology to the War Office.

He was mainly responsible for the invention of the chlorination of water supplied to the troops on active service to prevent possible poisoning.

He was appointed professor of pathology at Cambridge twenty years ago.

THE EUROPEAN CORPORATION.

Its Composition and Functions.

The following official memorandum on the organisation of the work of European reconstruction by means of an international corporation has been issued—

(1) The designation of the corporation shall be Central International Corporation.

(2) The corporation shall be established in London, where it shall have its principal office.

(3) The corporation shall be created by a special Act of Parliament in Great Britain, which special Act shall specify the powers, and duties of the corporation. The provisions of British company law shall, as far as they are suitable, be adopted and provision shall be made for the exemption of foreign holdings from income-tax.

(4) The corporation shall consist of representatives of national corporations hereinafter referred to in accordance with the proportions set out in Schedule A, provided that the representation of any additional national corporation which may, subsequent to the passing of the special Act, be admitted to the corporation, shall be determined by the Council.

(5) Each nation which is a party to the formation of the corporation agrees to set up in its own country a national corporation which shall contribute to the funds of the corporation, and which shall carry out the work entrusted to it by the corporation.

(6) In the first instance, the funds of the corporation shall be not less than the equivalent of £20,000,000. The funds shall be provided by the national corporations in proportions of sterling values as set out in Schedule A, being the minimum amounts of capital to be held by the respective national corporations. The national corporations specified in Schedule A shall be instituted simultaneously with the corporation, and of their capital subscribed at least 25 per cent. shall be immediately paid up.

The capital of each national corporation shall be in the currency of the nation concerned. For the purpose of providing funds to enable the corporation to carry on its administrative functions a sum of £20,000,000 shall be forthwith paid up by the national corporations *pro rata* to their capital.

(7) The principal functions of the corporation shall be to examine the opportunities for undertakings in connection with European reconstruction, to assist in financing such undertakings, to obtain adequate security for payment in respect of work carried out, to arrange for contracts and to promote or assist in promoting the subsidiary companies or corporations in various countries for special purposes.

(8) The business of the corporation to be administered by the Council to be appointed by the representatives of the national corporations. The decisions of the Council, within its competence, shall be binding on the national corporations.

UP BY SIXPENCE.

National Saving Certificates to Cost More.

The Treasury announce that as from April 1 next the purchase price of National Savings Certificates will be raised from 15s. 6d. to 16s., accumulating to £1 in five years and £1 6s. in ten years.

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Death.

TURNER.—On the 15th. January at Higham House, Higham, Essex, from heart failure after influenza.—Arthur Turner, late of Messrs. Palmer & Turner, Hongkong.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1922.

LESSONS OF THE STRIKE.

It was generally expected that to-day would witness definite news regarding the end of the seamen's strike, and as it has been in progress for five weeks one cannot help the reflection that it is high time the dispute was settled. That it might have been settled long ago and with very little loss to either side is undoubtedly true, and the lesson has again been taught that strikes are bad and have injurious repercussions on all concerned with them. The strike weapon is the last resort of labour to get what it feels entitled to and on the part of employers, it is a development which should be avoided at all reasonable costs. No-one benefits by allowing labour disputes to be driven to such a climax, and in the dispute by which all Hongkong has been affected that has been amply proved.

It would be somewhat foolish to try to discover on whom rested the blame for the present strike and also its prolongation if the public had not been seriously inconvenienced and penalised, but when such a wholesale dislocation of the Colony's business as has been witnessed for these past five weeks is borne in mind, the public has a right to ask why it need have suffered. In the first place, the shipowners were very much at fault in ignoring the letters of the Seamen's Union. Had notice been taken of the first requests, all that has followed might never have occurred. It is time that employers of labour in the East learned that the day when they could over-ride requests by their native staffs has gone. Labour in South China and Hongkong is highly organised, just the same as it is at home, and we shall have to get used to the idea of treating with Unions and Guilds instead of with the men individually. This strike has brought that lesson out very clearly. But the seamen's officials are by no means free from blame themselves. When the employers offered certain increases and promised arbitration on any outstanding points, the men's leaders should have accepted, because that offer was just and reasonable. At any rate they have had to come back to that point now—nearly five weeks afterwards. They have gained nothing by trying to gain too much; in fact, they have lost a great deal. Their fellow countrymen in Hongkong and Canton have a right to ask why they did not accept the offer when it was made, and that is a difficult question to answer.

But, perhaps, the greatest lesson to come out of the strike is the one which has been taught to labour leaders, for it has been shown them that whilst they are free to organise labour for labour's benefit they are not free to injure the public weal by the indiscriminate exploitation of the gullibility of their fellow countrymen. So soon as the seamen went beyond the point of withholding their own labour, and so soon as they tried to paralyse essential public services by intimidation and other means, they came in conflict with the Government and had to be called to book. Labour organisation is a comparatively new thing in these parts and there is much loose talk abroad regarding Bolshevistic tendencies in Canton and the danger and menace that labour organisation now presents; but we are convinced that the Chinese have far too much native common sense to adopt imported heresies of this nature. However, unless labour leaders realise a little more clearly than they seem to have done in this strike, that there are definite limits of activity beyond which they have no right to go, they will earn the already threatened disapproval of all right thinking men. Trade Union rule can never be allowed to usurp rule by government, and every government has the right to protect itself and the people in this regard. The Seamen's Union now possibly understand that point,

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Mui Tsai Question.

The Mui Tsai question, which hitherto has only been the subject of intermittent and individual action at home, has now given rise to something like an organised campaign, as appears from a London cable to hand yesterday. For two days several M.P.'s zealously plied the Colonial Secretary with questions, what time the Anti-Slavery Society has been busy in relation to the appointment of a visiting commission, from all of which it is fairly clear that there is a growing body of hostile opinion in the Old Country. The views expressed at the Society's conference were not quite unanimous, and apparently the speakers with some knowledge of the conditions were disposed to insert saving clauses. At the same time there was a general consensus of opinion that there are abuses which demand redress. In one sense, the system which obtains in Hongkong cannot be classed as "slavery" for the simple reason that British law does not recognise such. That is to evade the question on a technicality. The real issue is whether Mui Tsai is, in fact, slavery. If it is not, it has features so obnoxious as to render it at times unpleasantly like servitude. In a Colony of this kind, with its hundreds of thousands of Chinese, among whom "old custom" is an institution, the problem is peculiarly difficult. The Anti-Slavery Society's conference recommends that a commission of responsible men and women visit Hongkong in order to confer with Europeans and Chinese with a view to devising a scheme that will prevent the objectionable characteristics of the system. We don't know that such a commission could effect more than is being done by local effort, but if it can provide helpful and tactful counsel the Colony will be grateful accordingly.

Cargo Pilferage.

The cable from London in reference to cargo pilferage is much more encouraging than the one which preceded it a fortnight ago. In the earlier message it was stated that, according to the report of the Pilferage Committee appointed by the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, the claims paid by shipowners in the year following the Armistice exceeded the pre-war average twentyfold. The report deplored the lukewarmness of the police in assisting in the detection of thieves and the tracing of receivers. From the message now to hand it appears that the pilferage is diminishing, especially at Liverpool, which has been a fruitful field for the depredators' operations. How the improvement has been brought about is not indicated, except that it has resulted from "the effective action of the shipping companies." The recommendations of the Chamber of Shipping committee comprised a greater use of tallies, closer watching, and restriction of access to cargo holds while ships are in port. Whether the desired result has been produced by these or other measures, the fact itself is eminently gratifying. Apparently the parties interested in this matter in the various quarters of the globe are really making progress in combating the evil, for we notice that at Shanghai, due largely to additional illumination and surveillance, there has been considerable diminution.

The International Court.

"It is a concrete and living manifestation of international conscience," declared Dr. Van Karnebeek in welcoming the delegates to the opening of the Permanent International Court of Justice. The Dutch Foreign Minister's words appropriately describe what the International Court ought to be, and we would fair believe that they also describe what it is. In other words, it is the duty of the component nations to observe the compact embodied in the foundation of the Court by faithfully referring disputes to it and abiding by its judgments. That the tribunal itself will function efficiently, so far as it is allowed the opportunity, there is no reason for doubting. The opening ceremony took place in the Palace of Peace at The Hague, which prompts a regretful reflection. In 1898 a conference was held there somewhat on the lines of the Disarmament Conference at Washington. Largely owing to German intrigue, it was unavailing. At the same time a judicial institution was framed, which did useful work now and then, as in the Anglo-Japanese arbitration

DAY BY DAY.

IF YOU ARE EVER IN DOUBT WHAT TO DO, IT IS A GOOD RULE TO ASK OURSELVES WHAT WE SHOULD WISH ON THE MORROW WE HAD DONE.—Lord Alarby.

Yesterday's health return shows one non-fatal case each of paratyphoid fever (British) and spotted fever (Chinese).

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hancock and Dr. F. Groves were amongst the passengers leaving by the Kitano Maru for home yesterday.

A chit yesterday came to this office addressed to "The Shipping Editor." After due consideration, it was handed to the member of our staff with the permanent thirst.

We are asked to remind shareholders that the yearly meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation takes place at the City Hall at noon tomorrow.

Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., request us to publish the following—Passengers ex the s.s. "Eastern," from Australia, are kindly requested to call for their mail at the office of the local agents, Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

The finals of Tennis Tournament of the U.S.R.C. as previously arranged for on last Wednesday and postponed owing to bad weather, will be played on Sunday, the 19th. February, when the Club will be at home to Members and Subscribers and their friends—advt.

A debate on the question as to whether Prohibition would benefit the people of Great Britain is to take place this evening at the Tai Koo Club Hall under the auspices of the Debating Society. Mr. John Laing will speak in the affirmative, and Mr. A. M. Holland will take the other side.

In connection with the Fancy Dress Dance to be held at the City Hall on Monday under the auspices of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, we are asked to state that for refreshments at the bar, coupons only will be acceptable and the books of coupons will have to be purchased in the Hall.

To-morrow's picture page will include photographs of the new Pope of Rome and the late Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C.; a panoramic view of Hongkong Harbour, showing the large amount of shipping held up by reason of the seamen's strike; groups taken at the wedding of Mr. J. L. Adams and Miss G. D. Mason; and a picture of a mass meeting in Tokyo at which disarmament was advocated.

What is believed to be one of a series of highway robberies committed by the same gang was reported this morning. Two Chinese women on their way to Kowloon City from Yau-mati were stopped by four men near the junction of this highway with the Matakot Road, and dispossessed of their overcoats, which, being trimmed with fur, were quite valuable finds for the robbers. The pullers of the rickshaws in which the women travelled had run away on the approach of the robbers.

A dog bite that resulted in fatal injuries for the victim, who died yesterday at the Government Civil Hospital, was reported this morning. Recently at Saiwanho (Shaokwan) while a number of little children were playing in the street, a small boy of six was attacked by a yellow chow dog and bitten on the nose. He was promptly taken to the Government Civil Hospital, but notwithstanding all the efforts of the surgeon, the case ended fatally. The dog was destroyed immediately after its attack on the boy, it was said.

over the settlement leases when extra-territoriality was abolished and in the Dogger Bank incident when Russian men-of-war fired on British fishermen. That tribunal, which had no obligatory jurisdiction, was allowed only very limited opportunities, however, and for some years before the war had almost ceased to be heard of. The Permanent International Court of Justice has been called into being by more than the requisite two-thirds vote of members of the League of Nations, and it now rests with the Powers, great and small, to see that it is a success.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Man, I've been having a nice quiet time lately and getting through some reading. Now, I must confess that I'm no very particular what I read at times, though as a rule I bar love stories. An excess of sugar is one of the things I've been warned against for years past, me having a tendency for a long time unbeknown to myself, to make stones, and I'm rather inclined to think that unconsciously I allow the restriction to influence me in the selection of my mental fodder as well. Janet, she's great on love stories of course, even to this day and so when I'm hard up for reading matter I often pass the time with one of her books, always provided though that it doesn't happen to be written by that much travelled and pragmatic liar, Mr. William Le Queux. I expect you man's name's Smith, if we kept the right way of it. No, I bar him every time. I solemnly believe if I was stranded high and dry on a desert island and nothing but him to read that I'd use him to cook my first meal as a matter of course. And yet I don't know. How can I know? I've yet to live to be shipwrecked, and, like lots of other things in life, when it comes to the absolute push, I might do exactly the opposite. God knows I might yet live to learn some of his best sellers off by heart. It's an awful thought, but queerer things have happened.

Talking about lone islands minds me of once hearing a man say that if ever it was his misfortune to be wrecked on one and had only the choice of three books, he would choose The Bible, Shakespeare and Samuel Pepy's Diary as the true antidotes to the World, the Flesh and the Devil. And that was a Hongkong man, too, but said, mind ye, in the days before we had new grills, Adversaria, Jazz dancing lessons and the publication by one of our magistrates of "Sparrow (Mr. Cheuk) and the One Hundred and Seventeen Ways How to Play It." Ay, times change but, despite all our new-fangled notions, I believe the choice would still stand—as I think it ought to.

But let us suppose for a moment (in the absence of anything more pressing to discuss) that we did find ourselves on a fine, sandy, sloping beach and nothing in sight but the coconuts on the trees, an odd crab or two and our sole possession but the top half of a pyjama suit. What would we do wi' ourselves then? Lots of us are considered by others as being darned good company wi' a fine stock of records ranging from grare to gay. But in the aforementioned circumstances what kind of company would we be to ourselves? What on earth would most of us have to think of when we were alone and have no business worries to fret over? There would be no particular fun in telling yourself the latest silly catch about Fatty Arbuckle or Princess Mary or about the other chum that sold short. The latest lie about your golf score, or how you snubbed the taipan and put him in his proper place, would avail you nothing and raise no laugh when you had only yourself to laugh at. No, my son, the usual fruitless theme of conversation would then be about as much use as handing a petrol cocktail to an untrained Larsen griffin. Cut off from all communication from the rest of the world, wi' no newspapers to do your daily thinking for you, wi' no cinemas to fill the vacant mind, wi' no gramophones to give ye nervous prostration, what would you have to think about apart from your empty tummy and the regret that you weren't in your evening togs when the bally ship took it into its rotten old head to wreck itself? Cut off from books and the hundred and one things of daily life, what sort of mental entertainment could ye afford yourself? How many good poems do you know without looking them up? How much do you mind of the books that really count in the world? Is your memory a reservoir of anything but half-forgotten pleasures?

Ay, I hear you say that such would be a tremendous test but one which, of course, would come so seldom as to be not worth heeding about. But is that really the case? Haven't we all been stranded on desert isles of one kind or another? The sickbed during convalescence is, maybe, the most common. How many of us can sit still under the circumstances and amuse ourselves mentally and give the nurse a chance

to rest her feet? Strange hotels, lonely waiting rooms, ay, and even garages are some of the lonely places in which we might well be stranded yet. Let us fill our minds wi' good things so that when the time comes we can be good company, at least to ourselves.

As I was saying, then, I took up a book of Janet's last Sunday and sought to pass an hour between kirk and tiffin. It's title? "The Dweller in the Desert." It's author? Ah, I'll need to fill that in before I finish. Maskee, what's the odds. I'm no' caring whether ye read it or no, only I got, while reading what I did of it, corroboration of a theory of mine that marriage for most women is often a desperate adventure. Now I'm no' going to give ye a string of quotations wherewith to try and convince ye; besides, I heartily detest such phrases as "the dawn of love" and the like, but really and truly it did always seem to me that a woman's acceptance of a man as her husband was an act of amazing courage. Of course, as regards what I'm about to say I'd just like it to be understood that when I speak of men and women I dinna necessarily mean boys or girls, no matter what age. I think then that every sensitive man knows that when he asks a woman to share his life he is demanding of her far more than he himself is

his wildest moments would, ever be prepared to give. If marriage held for him as many possibilities of pain as it does for a woman, the road to the never, never land would be chockablock wi' panic-stricken men in full flight. Suppose for a moment that a man—just an ordinary average man, mind ye,—had to undertake, accept and face the duties, blame, risks and pains that it is the lot of most women to bear, d'ye think they'd remain coy and elusive in the event of the ordinary procedure being reversed, the woman making the proposal and the man the fatal decision? Not on your life. The very idea would make him break out in a cold sweat, and at the thought of marriage his hair would never lie flat again, if he didn't take to his bed once and for all and be a confirmed invalid for life over the head of it. How any healthy independent young woman is ever mugged enough to marry a man is more than I could ever understand. That many have to, and suffer for their lack of dependence, is only too true and apparently unavoidable so long as we have parents so criminally lax as they are. But, suffering mother, isn't it terrible to hear some men talk like heroes just because they've had their teeth scraped or their appendix removed? For sheer egotism commend me to the man that thinks he's sick and too busy at the office to lie off for a couple o' days. It's worse than blindness on a horse. His outlook is so narrow that he canna' see the rest of the world for his own shadow. And all the time his wife is carrying on in a way that should entitle her to a Carnegie medal every second month and the Victoria Cross after the first five years and a fresh bar for every year after.

Of course, I realise that it's all very well talking. Maybe if I was a woman I'd think different altogether. Ay, that's quite true. There are even folk that say that animals do not feel pain as we do and that a fish actually enjoys being cut up and skinned and having its heart removed while still alive. So ye never can tell. A woman may feel different as you remark. No doubt feminine hearts say to themselves that in their case they will not have to put up wi' much. The man has a kindly nature, ay, so he has until such time as the novelty wears off. Very possibly there will be no children and even if an accident should occur, there's a plenty of amahs. Ay, quite so. In a year or so they'll be like the others, arguing wi' the cookboy and sniggering at the alleged soup, snatching the bickering baby from an amah whose chief anxiety in life, apart from the current price of rice, is how to keep the kid quiet by fair means or foul, vainly waiting at meal times for his Lordship's return from the club and loving him faithfully and devotedly when all he deserves is a punch in the eye. Or, if they do realise it, that old enchantress Nature may be sprinkles her gold dust over these thoughts, and so the terror of the gamble is made beautiful and enticing. But that doesn't make them any less heroic for all that.

I dinna seem to get away from the books this week somehow or other, for in a letter I've got to answer, my correspondent says he would like me to become better acquainted wi' James Whitcomb Riley and the thoughts he expresses in Hoosier dialect. That's the second man who has recommended poetry to me of late, the other being my friend Mr. Adversaria who some time back thought a diet o' Walt Whitman would do me a world o' good. The trouble is that none o' my friends seem to be strong on poetry and I just canna' make up my mind. Reading poetry's bad enough but when it comes to buying it wholesale like, I think it can be overdone.

Well, as I was saying I got a letter the other day from a chap, another "Rubbert", a Glasna man, and he mentioned that at the time he'd cut out what I had to say about the youngster at the Kowloon British School getting "Little Orphan Annie" to recite. That's how he came to tell me that to know Riley better was to love him more. It appears then that he sent what I wrote chop chop to the States. The only thing he didn't tell me was what they said about it there but instead I'm now the richer by being the possessor of a newspaper cutting telling me that "Orphan Annie" is a real person and still alive, another typewritten poem of Riley's entitled "Them Flowers", some more poetry about the "Game o' Golf" and his best wishes, for all of which I am truly grateful. Of course, my correspondent'll no' hold it against me merely because I'm no' partial to anything in the way o' verse. That his offerings were kindly meant I feel perfectly certain.

Mind ye, I've nothing against "Orphan Annie" alive or dead, or James Whitcomb Riley either for that matter, though at the time I must confess that what I wrote didn't err on the side of fact or politeness. To read of "Orphan Annie" being described as a "kind o' bestarized English" couldn't have made nice reading for any self-respecting American over there. I realise that now but what I didn't realise at the time was that any screed o' mine would be sent furth o' the Colony. The point I wanted to make though, was that it wasn't good English for untrained minds, the kind o' mental fodder for young British children in Kowloon or anywhere else. No that it mattered a curse onway for a hint like that to our Director of Education was like throwing water on a drowned mouse. I don't know what eventually did happen but I do know that the kids in the Junior Section of the Kowloon British School were still lamming away a good fortnight afterwards at "the Gobble-un-l" get you, if yuh don't watch out." And, and, this is the point I want to make, it was only at the recent prize-giving at the Kowloon British School that our Honourable Director of Education cracked to mournfully about the poor knowledge of English exhibited by its junior local class. Was it to be wondered at?

PEAK LADY SUMMONS COOLIES.

Refusal to Fetch Children.

Mrs. J. H. Seth, of No. 2 The Peak, figured to-day as the complainant in a summons against four chair bearers for refusing hire, on the 11th instant.

It appears that the day being a rainy one, the defendants were asked in turn to go to the St. Stephen's Girls' School to bring home Mrs. Seth's two children, and they refused, the excuse given by one party being that they were already engaged, and by the other that they were hungry and were shortly due to go home. As the circumstances did not appear to support their statements, Inspector Garrod, who was in charge of the case, described them as being all lies, and he had them charged, following a request by Mrs. Seth over the telephone. It was stated in evidence by Mrs. Seth that the defendants had usually been engaged by her to bring her children home from school, and on the day in question she made every effort by sending the boy first and then going to the coolies herself, to induce them to change their minds.

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Eleven Swedish trading steamers, representing 36,000 tons, which used to belong to Mr. Brodin, a shipowner in Gofte, have recently been sold to Norway. The Swedish merchant fleet was diminished by 10,000 tons in 1921. GERMAN SHIPPING IN FAR EAST.
 The Havelland of the Hamburg-American Line left Hamburg for the Far East via Suez, Singapore, and Hongkong, taking the initiative in reopening the Far Eastern line. Another steamer is said to have also departed from Hamburg.

DANUBE'S NEW COMMERCIAL POST.

According to advices received in Paris, the French firm of Le Creusot has secured the contract for building a commercial port on the Danube at Budapest. It is also understood that Messrs. Schneider et Cie have obtained the option for constructing the docks and warehouses. Important cables have been received by shipowners interested in the navigation of the Danube, which since Dec. 14 has been frozen up, with the consequent detention of over 60 vessels. Icebreakers, it appears, have succeeded in penetrating to Braila, and it was anticipated when the cables were despatched that a number of the vessels would be released and be able to leave at once, whereas formerly it had been expected that they would be detained well into February or even March.

FOREIGN PASSENGER SERVICE ABANDONED.

The Shipping Board has notified the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's officials that the liners Creole State, Granite State and Wolverine State, which are in operation from San Francisco to the Philippines and India, will be withdrawn on the completion of their current voyages, states a New York report of the 5th inst. Three others of the same type and three of the 535-foot type will remain under allocation to the Pacific Mail and will operate as before to China and Japan with a call at Manila. The Pacific Mail officials declare that neither freight nor passengers are available in sufficient quantities to justify the maintenance of the service. The lack of freight is especially acute. This is the only foreign passenger service established by the Shipping Board and it is being abandoned.

SHANGHAI FREIGHTS.

Messrs. Wheelock and Co., Shanghai, in their circular of 9th. February state: There is no change to report in either of our Outward Freight markets since last writing as China New Year has intervened since then and it is rather too soon after the holidays for a resumption of business. We hope, however, that the easier tendency in the rate of exchange will assist towards the long hoped-for improvement in the export trade. Coastwise: The seamen's strike in Hongkong has now been further aggravated by the strike of the stowaways in consequence of which all the Southern coasting trade has been completely paralysed.—This has naturally reacted on our Northern market and, combined with China New Year, has rendered our market extremely dull. The Port of Tientsin is expected to open towards the end of this week.

VESSEL AFIRE AT SHANGHAI.

While patrolling the river near the Arsenal on February 5, a sergeant of the Shanghai River Police noticed a fire aboard the *Ching Han* and immediately telephoned to the Kiangnan Dock. No response is said to have given to his call and the Assistant Harbour Master with the river police accompanied by the Customs float repaired to the scene about 2 hours later. By this time, the vessel was in flames and its wooden construction assisting the progress of the conflagration. At one time, there was a danger of the ship sinking owing to the volume of water in her but the fire float was kept working pumping water out for several hours and in the afternoon workers from the Arsenal who were placed in charge of the vessel were successful in beating her near the Arsenal. This step was considered advisable in order to prevent the *Ching Han* from sinking. The vessel belongs to a Chinese company, and it is thought that the fire had its origin in the capsizing of a burning lamp.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Financial Votes Explained.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

His Excellency said that the business that would come before the next meeting of the Council was principally the Jury List. It was not absolutely certain that the list would be ready at that time next week, but the Council would adjourn until then, and if it was not ready could further adjourn.

Financial Minutes.

The following votes recommended by His Excellency the Governor were approved in Finance Committee.

\$600 on account of Kowloon Canton Railway, special expenditure, repairs to railway embankment.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary said this was a vote of portion of a sum of \$4,700 voted last year, as the work was not finished at the end of the year.

\$400 on account of Kowloon Canton Railway, special expenditure, produce shelter, Tai Po Market.

This also was a vote of the balance of money provided last year, as the work was not completed until the end of the year.

\$15,000 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, Loco Yard at Loui.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary said this vote requires some explanation.

The original estimate for this work, prepared in 1920 (1921 Estimates) was \$45,841; but this sum was subsequently reduced to \$27,400, and later to \$25,000, as it was proposed to use old rails. The final estimate was \$35,213, and the sum estimated was increased for the following reasons: Owing to increase in the cost of labour and materials the vote for earthwork and drainage was raised from \$5,190 to \$6,111; the vote for carriage shed and pit from \$10,974 to \$15,774; the estimate for track and crossings from \$8,770 to \$9,822; and there was a new head of tank and water supply \$8,500 making a total of \$55,213. Under Earthwork and Drainage, the increase was due to more filling being required than estimated. Under Carriage shed and pit, the increase was due to the foundation being found to consist of soft sub-soil, and the increased cost of materials. Under Track and Crossings, the increase was due to the cost of rail and sleepers having gone up. The tank and water supply was not included in the reduced estimate of \$25,000, so it really became a new head. It was originally estimated to cost \$2,500, and eventually found to cost \$3,500, and this was due to increased cost of materials and labour. The work is going on and the sum required this year is \$15,000 to complete it.

\$118 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special expenditure, Locomotives.

This is required to pay the wages of men employed on the work of dismantling and assembling locomotives since December pay-sheet was made up.

Saiyungpun Schools.

\$158,949 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903, (41) compensation and resumptions.

This sum is required for the purchase of I. L. No. 755, Bonham Road, from the Catholic Mission. The site is required for the new buildings of Saiyungpun School. From this amount \$27,297 will be deducted as premium on new site for a church to be granted to the mission on Broadwood Road.

\$191 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, fire hose, etc.

This is to supplement the sum of \$900 provided in last year's Estimates to pay the cost of fire hose required on the railway. Put in sterling, it cost \$147-12-0.

\$1,028 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, motion plates and cylinders for Loco 3 and 4.

This is required to supplement the vote under Special Expenditure last year, \$1,800. The actual cost was \$5,828, leaving a balance of \$1,038.

\$4,700 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, erection of temporary ricksha shelter with latrines attached in Kowloon.

The Captain Superintendent of Police requested that certain temporary rickshaw shelters, with latrines attached, should be erected in various places on the Kowloon peninsula. The estimates for these places are: One at Yau-mai \$11,000; Mongkok \$900; Sham Shui-po \$900; Hung Hom \$900; Kowloon City \$900. Total \$4,700. The Hon. Colonial Secretary said the

C.S.P. pointed out, in making the application, that the only shelter at Kowloon at present was that at the ferry pier.

An Old Matter.

\$6,500 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, re-arrangement of Kowloon Island Lots Nos. 629, 630, 631 and 1111.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: This sum of \$6,500 is required this year for the levelling of an area under the conditions of rearrangement of the lots mentioned in the minute. It was one of the conditions of the rearrangement that the Government should pay for the levelling.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock: Where are these lots?

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: The lots are on Nathan Road, or what is called now Coronation Road. The north end of the lots is on Waterloo Road. The positions of the lots did not fit in with the lay-out of Nathan Road and the adjoining roads, and a considerable amount of filling up was done. The matter dates back for two years. The original application was made in October 1917. The question of the rearrangement of those lots then came up, and the matter in those days had to be referred to the Secretary of State. The latter's approval of the rearrangement was received in September 1919, but the matter did not call for expenditure until now.

\$4,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous erection of wireless installation at Gap Rock.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary: This is a vote of part of the vote of \$14,000 made last year. The work was not completed at the end of the year. The actual amount of the vote is \$3,800. There is a small supplementary vote required, of \$200.

Hon. Mr. Pollock asked the range of the wireless, and was informed that it would enable Gap Rock to keep in touch with our other plants. The current would also be used for electric fans, etc.

CHINESE NEWS.

Is Sun Yat-sen Bluffing? A Peking telegram states that the negotiations between Chan King-ming and Liang Shih-yi failed on account of the difficulty of deciding Sun Yat-sen's position.

Another Peking message says that although Wu Pei-fu has declared that Sun Yat-sen's expedition against the North is merely bluff, the defences of Yochow have been strengthened, and the Tsuchun of Hunan has been instructed to see that there is no encroachment on his territory.

Our Canton correspondent says it is reported from Wuchow that Ngai Bong-ping has recalled his forces to Wuchow and is making preparations to return to Canton. It is said that his headquarters have already been abolished.

DR. W. W. YEN RESIGNS.

China Wanting a Premier and Foreign Minister.

Peking, Feb. 10. Dr. W. W. Yen's resignation, both as Foreign Minister and Acting Premier, reached the Cabinet late last night.

The document points out that Dr. Yen merely agreed to carry on until the end of the Pacific Conference, and that he now desires to retire and secure a rest from the onerous duties which he has recently performed.

Immediately following the report of Dr. Yen's resignation the Government has recalled Dr. Wellington Koo, Alfred Sze and Wang Chung-bai from Washington in order to hear their report of the Conference and to receive their advice regarding Far Eastern affairs. It has also announced that Mr. Hu Wei-teh, the Chinese Minister in Tokyo, is returning to Peking on sick leave.

The President has given Mr. Liang Shih-yi ten days' extension of leave. Otherwise there have been no developments in the Cabinet situation.

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